

Give us your SC/ST numbers: Govt to firms under EPFO

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THE MINISTRY of Labour and Employment has kicked off a survey that requires establishments contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), including from the private sector, to furnish information on the number of SC and ST employees in their ranks.

The survey being piloted by Niti Aayog was initially to be restricted to public sector undertakings (PSUs) but has now been extended to cover private firms.

Through this month, regional provident fund offices have been sending out queries in a specified format to companies seeking "employment data of the proportion of SC&ST employees in total employment".

Sources said the data on the

number of SC/ST employees is being collated to provide them financial incentives for social security benefits.

The objective of this new scheme, rolled out in consultation with the Labour Ministry, is for the Centre to eventually foot the bill for employee contribution being made by SC/ST employees towards their provident and pension funds with the EPFO. The Labour Ministry is the nodal Ministry of the EPFO.

The communication sent by regional provident fund offices states: "Ministry of Labour and Employment has desired to have a sample study of employment data of the proportion of SC & ST employees in total employment... the data was requested at the first instance with respect to PSUs from whom it can be calculated in short time. However, the Ministry desired to have

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WILL HAVE TRADE DEAL SOON: US PRESIDENT

**Great if Modi, Imran can work out something on Kashmir: Trump**



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IN A measured comment with the Indian Prime Minister by his side, US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he believed Narendra Modi and Pakistan PM Imran Khan will "get together" and work something out on Kashmir.

Aday after he described Khan as a "great leader" before their



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump in New York on Tuesday. AP

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bilateral meeting, Trump called Modi the "father of India" and compared his presence at the Howdy Modi event in Houston Sunday with that of Elvis Presley.

But Trump, who was speak-

ing to reporters ahead of his bilateral meeting with Modi Tuesday, stopped short of blaming Pakistan for supporting terrorism, and pointed to Iran as the biggest state sponsor of terror.

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Asked about Khan's statement during an event Monday that the Pakistan Army had trained Al Qaeda, Trump said: "I haven't heard that. I know that

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Not just Lavasa's wife, his sister & son too are under tax dept scanner

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THREE MEMBERS of the family of Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa are under the scanner of the Income Tax.

Not only was his wife Novel Singh Lavasa, an ex-banker and director in several firms, sent an I-T notice in August, his sister Shakuntala Lavasa, a paediatrician, too received a notice the same month.

The tax department also surveyed the books of accounts of Nourish Organic Foods Ltd, a company in which his son Abir Lavasa is a director and holds 10,000 shares as part of an employee stock option plan last financial year.

When contacted, Abir Lavasa said, "A notice, directed to Nourish Organic, was issued by the I-T department. A survey was conducted into the company's books of accounts in August first week. The department has not sent anything since then." An Income Tax officer said Abir has sought adjournments and not replied to the department.

Incidentally, Ashok Lavasa, one of the three commissioners in the Election Commission, had on five occasions opposed the clean chit given by the Commission to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former BJP president Amit Shah on charges of violating the Model Code of Conduct during the campaign

HOUSE TO ORGANIC FOODS COMPANY

Wife: NOVEL SINGHAL LAVASA

An ex-banker, she is a director in several companies

I-T summons issued under Section 13A of I-T Act in August

She says she has paid all taxes due on income and pension

Sister: SHAKUNTALA LAVASA

A paediatrician, she has a clinic in Panchkula

I-T notice issued

She bought a house owned by Ashok Lavasa and his wife in Gurgaon for Rs 1.86 cr in 2017-18

Son: ABIR LAVASA

Director in Nourish Organic Foods since Nov 14, 2017

I-T surveyed company's books of accounts in first week of August

Tax dept points to two "suspicious transactions" dating back to 2008-09, 2010

for the Lok Sabha elections.

The tax department also questioned Rupali Buildwell

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Pawar & nephew, Sena, Cong leaders booked by ED in co-op bank fraud



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ROCKING MAHARASHTRA ahead of the assembly elections in the state next month, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a case of alleged money laundering against NCP leader and former Union Minister Sharad Pawar, his

nephew Ajit Pawar and several others including Anandrao Adsul (Shiv Sena), Jayant Patil (PWP),  
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Boris suspension of Parliament is illegal, rules UK's Supreme Court

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IN A decision that badly undermines Boris Johnson's authority, Britain's highest court ruled unanimously Tuesday that the Prime Minister broke the law by suspending Parliament in a way that squelched legitimate scrutiny of his Brexit plan.

The historic move by Britain's Supreme Court offered a ringing endorsement of Parliament's

Boris Johnson in New York, Tuesday. AP

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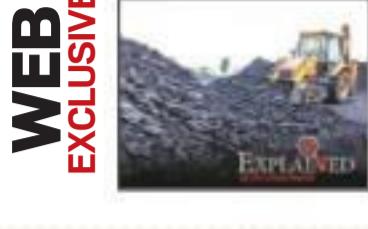
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## Bengal: Minister, top district officials skip meeting with Governor

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

AS WEST Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday expressed dismay over the absence of a minister and senior officers of administration and police at a meeting in Siliguri in Darjeeling district where he had gone to inaugurate a new chapter of a chamber of commerce, the TMC government slammed him, saying he "should avoid political gimmicks every day".

"The Governor should not misuse the Constitutional jurisdiction and should avoid political gimmicks every day. Our TMC government is peoples' government and is aware of what to do and what not to do," a statement issued by Education Minister and TMC Secretary General Partha Chatterjee stated.

"The new Governor, within 15 days of joining has exposed himself that he is not a neutral person, by making politically biased statements against the government officers and government departments.... West Bengal is a beautiful state. The Governor should visit beautiful places in West Bengal and enjoy the hospitality of the State Government. This is desirable. What is not desirable is a Constitutional position, unnecessarily becoming over-active, interfering in all respects of government business and government officers," Chatterjee said.

"Earlier in the day, Dhankhar on finding that senior government officials skipping a meeting said in Siliguri: "I think the minister, the secretary, the DM (District Magistrate) and others had unavoidable commitments. I am not

meanwhile, representatives of various political parties met the Governor in the city. However, Trinamool Congress leaders were conspicuous by their absence."

"Representatives of political parties gave representations to me which I will consider. The doors of Raj Bhavan are open to everyone irrespective of their political affiliations, colour or creed," Dhankhar told reporters.

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### Co-op bank fraud

Diliprao Deshmukh and Madan Patil (Congress), Ishwarlal Jain and Shivaji Rao Nalawade (NCP).

The Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) was registered Monday, ED sources said Tuesday, adding that the case is based on an FIR filed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police in connection with alleged irregularities in the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.

The NCP described the ED action as "political vendetta" and Sharad Pawar said it was prompted by the strong support for his party across the state: "I was never a director of any cooperative bank. However, if they have filed a case against me, I welcome it. I was expecting such an action after the response that I received during my recent tour of Maharashtra."

NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad said: "The attempt to finish Sharad Pawar using agencies like ED will not work. Pawar has not had an association with a bank for the past 50 years. What kind of politics is BJP adopting? They are threatened by Pawar's campaign which is leading them to behave in this way."

Advocate Prashant Patil, Ajit Pawar's lawyer in Pune, said:

"There was an order of the Bombay High Court directing the Economic Offences Wing to register an FIR in the matter. We had approached the Supreme Court

against the order, wherein the apex court has held that investigations should be carried out fairly without getting influenced by the High Court and in accordance with law."

"Now, we have got to know through the electronic media that ED too has registered an offence. In whichever case, we are ready to cooperate with the investigating agencies as law-abiding citizens. The Supreme Court order in the said matter of MSC Bank is binding upon all the investigating agencies. The MSC Bank has taken an official stand before Bombay High Court that there is no scam and there is no loss caused to the bank. We have faith upon the fairness of the investigating agencies," he said.

ED sources, speaking on the ECIR, said: "A criminal PIL was filed on 28.01.2019 before Bombay High Court in the case of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank scam. Hon'ble High Court, after detailed hearing and going through the complaint, on 22.08.2019 directed the EOW, Mumbai Police to register an FIR. The FIR was thereafter filed and consequently an ECIR was recorded on 23/09/2019 against the then Chairman, MDs, Directors of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC), along with Mr Sharad Pawar, Mr Ajit Pawar, Mr Diliprao Deshmukh, Mr Ishwarlal Jain, Mr Jayant Patil..."

"It is alleged that the then top executives i.e. Chairman, MDs, Directors, CEOs, managerial staff of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC) and office-bearers and directors of Sakhar Karkhanas (cooperative sugar factories or CSFs), Soot Girnis and other processing units were given loans in a fraudulent manner by MSC Bank and, in the process, several illegalities were committed. The scam is pegged at Rs

### 'Great if Modi, Imran can work out something'

your PM will take care of it. It will be great if they can work out something in Kashmir... you have a great PM, he will solve the problem."

After the bilateral meeting later, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said the Prime Minister shared concerns on terrorism in the context of Jammu and Kashmir — and how it led to the loss of 42,000 lives over the last 30 years in Kashmir.

According to Gokhale, Modi told Trump that India has never shied away from talking to Pakistan, but Islamabad has not reciprocated. He recalled how he had invited the then Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif for his swearing-in ceremony in 2014 and flown to Lahore with minimal security later.

But the attack on Pathankot happened soon after that, and the accused have not yet been brought to justice, Modi told the US President. Delhi expected Islamabad to take concrete steps, which did not happen, Gokhale said.

Modi also told Trump that it was incumbent on the international community to join hands to fight terrorism. In this context, he referred to Indian Muslims who have a very low presence in terrorist groups.

The US President "acknowledged and noted" it, said Gokhale.

On the issue of mediation, Gokhale made it clear that the position of the Indian government is "very clear... if there are issues to be discussed, they will be discussed bilaterally".

Ahead of the meeting, while responding to questions, Trump said he had a "very good meeting with Khan" the previous day. "He (Khan) would like to see something happen. Something will happen very fruitful, very peaceful, I think that will happen ultimately," he said.

"I really believe these two gentlemen will get together and work something," Trump said, as Modi looked on. "I really believe PM Modi and PM Khan will get along, once they get to know each other. I think lots of good things will come from that meeting."

While the Prime Minister was accompanied by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, among others, Trump was accompanied by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo.

Responding to questions on Pakistan being the epicentre of terrorism, the US President

said: "You mentioned Pakistan, Iran will have to be on top of the list because if you really look at the terror states, it's been No.1 for a long time."

Asked if he had any message for Pakistan, since Khan has admitted to links between the Army and terrorist groups, Trump was clear: "The message is not for me to give, but for PM Modi. And I think he gave that loud and clear the other day, a pretty loud message... I am sure he will be able to handle the situation."

On the trade front, the Foreign Secretary said "significant progress" has been made and differences narrowed. "We will have a trade deal very soon," Trump said. Gokhale said they were "optimistic" about the discussions, which are ongoing since these were "complex" and involved the industry and jobs.

"We did not discuss any timeline on trade, I am optimistic that we will be able to conclude an understanding soon," Gokhale said. He underlined that India is looking at a "fair and reasonable deal", which will take care of its access to US markets as well as address some of the US concerns.

Ahead of the bilateral

meeting that lasted for about 30-40 minutes at the UN headquarters, Modi said he has met Trump three times in the last four months since being re-elected. He said the closeness, ease and continuous engagement between the two democracies is a "very good sign for the world", as it is a friendship "based on values".

"I am thankful to Trump that he came to Houston. He is my friend but he is also a good friend of India," Modi said.

In his remarks later, Trump responded: "My personal chemistry is as good as it can get. I have great respect, great admiration, and I really like him. He is a great gentleman and a great leader... And I remember India before, there was lot of dissension, lot of fighting, he got it all together, like a father will bring it together. Maybe he is the father of India, we will call him father of India," he said, as Modi, Jaishankar and Goyal smiled.

Asked about the Houston event, Trump said Modi was an Indian version of Elvis. "He has done a fantastic job. What that event showed. How much I like India and how much I like your Prime Minister. They love this gentleman. Those people went crazy," he said.

India-focused early stage investor, Saama Capital in March 2019. RoC records show it was allotted 50,000 shares at Rs 1,500 a piece on March 29, 2019. At this price, Abir's shareholding will be valued at Rs 1.5 crore.

Saama Capital has invested in a number of start-ups in India including Paytm, ChaiPoint, Vistaar (NBFC), Snapdeal and SKS Microfinance.

RoC documents show Nourish Organic was promoted by Seema Jindal Jajodia, wife of Sandeep Jajodia, Chairman and Managing Director, Monnet Group, and daughter of the late O P Jindal. It earned a profit of Rs 16.86 lakhs on total revenue of Rs 5.33 crore in 2017-18. The previous year, it reported a loss of Rs 24.4 lakh on revenues of Rs 3.4 crore. The tax department has concluded that the "effective management" of Nourish Organics vests with Abir, given that Seema Jajodia resigned two months after he became director in November 2017. Another director, Naresh Kumar, resigned the same day Abir joined.

Further, it has listed a couple of transactions linked to the company as "suspicious". These include a share premium of Rs 4 crore received in 2008-09 and also a loan from an entry operator in Kolkata and acquisition of shares by Bonita Traders Pvt Ltd in 2010. But both these transactions happened years before Abir became a director in the firm.

The Indian Express reported Tuesday that the I-T department had issued a tax notice to Novel Singhal Lavasa. The department has found that Ashok Lavasa himself has shown receipts of Rs 20.02 lakh from a company Vibrant Trade Avenues Ltd, in which his wife was a director. In a statement issued Monday, she said she had paid all taxes due

on the early stage investment, Saama Capital in March 2019. RoC records show it was allotted 50,000 shares at Rs 1,500 a piece on March 29, 2019. At this price, Abir's shareholding will be valued at Rs 1.5 crore.

The suspension "had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of Parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification", Hale said.

The judges made clear that they were criticising Johnson, not the queen, who as a Constitutional monarch was required to approve his request.

The ruling forced a chastened Johnson to cut short his trip to New York to fly home overnight in time for Parliament's unexpected session, where he will undoubtedly face a crescendo of calls to resign after his judicial humiliation.

Corbyn told his party conference that the court decision shows Johnson's "contempt" for democracy and rule of law. He said Johnson should resign and become the shortest-serving Prime Minister there's ever been".

The Prime Minister remains on a collision course with Parliament over his determination to sever Britain from the European Union on October 31 even if no divorce deal is reached. Parliament has passed a law requiring him to seek an extension if there is no deal, but Johnson says he will not do that under any circumstances.

Johnson strode to power in late July after easily winning a Conservative Party leadership race to succeed Theresa May. He boldly promised Britain would leave the European Union by the deadline and dominated the news in his first weeks at 10 Downing Street while Parliament was on its summer break.

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stratified sample data across the establishments. Therefore, it is kindly requested to collect data from other establishments also."

Companies have been asked to furnish details in a four-column table that seeks the name of the company, total number of employees, number of SC employees, and number of ST employees.

The conceptual discussions were held by NITI Aayog over the last couple of years in the run-up to the survey being launched earlier this month. Some officials are

Pradip Gharat said that the ACB has invoked Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servants) of the IPC against the accused. It carries a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. The draft charge has been submitted against 15 people, including Bhujbal, his son Pankaj and nephew Sameer.

The ACB has claimed that the accused — including Bhujbal,

learnt to have flagged the possibility of statistical errors in conducting such a survey in the private sector, where employees are not hired on the basis of reservation.

"There is no legal mandate for SC/ST hiring in the private sector. Such a survey was initially planned to be conducted for PSUs. For private companies, there

## 3 cops suspended over CR Park snatching: 'Some lapses found'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THREE POLICEMEN from CR Park police station have been suspended over a snatching incident involving a 28-year-old journalist, who was dragged out of a moving auto and injured Sunday evening.

Police have also recovered over 12 different CCTV clips of two bike-borne men, seen wearing helmets, from the area. The incident left Joymala Bagchi, an ANI journalist, with injuries on her chin, jaw, and arms, and she is currently undergoing treatment at AIIMS Trauma Centre.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said an internal inquiry into the incident was initiated which showed that the emer-



CCTV shows the two suspects; (R) the victim, Joymala Bagchi

gency response vehicle (ERV) was quick to respond while the local police station and beat officers were found lacking. "Some lapses in the response time were found and one assistant sub-inspector and two constables have been suspended. The SHO of the police station has been given show-

cause notice," said Thakur.

"Footage shows both men wearing helmets, and the rider is in a black shirt, the one riding pillion is wearing a bright orange shirt. The men seem to be in their early 20s. We are questioning eight suspects right now," Thakur added.

## Tihar concedes they don't have 100% CCTV coverage: 'Deterrence lacking'

PRIYAM PALSINGH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

TIHAR JAIL authorities have conceded before the Delhi High Court that they do not have 100% CCTV coverage in their jails, "thus sufficient deterrence towards any wrongdoing is lacking".

"That in order to keep a close watch/surveillance in the prison, CCTV cameras play a pivotal role, not only in assisting and maintaining discipline, but also in recording incidents inside prison... At present, 100% coverage (except minimum area to maintain privacy) is not there in Delhi prisons..." jail authorities said.

It further apprised the bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and

Justice Chari Shankar that a comprehensive proposal for 5,629 CCTV cameras has been approved and is under implementation through Delhi government's PWD. The project is estimated to cost Rs 120 crore.

Authorities also said that "50 body worn cameras for searching teams have been purchased to cover searching process".

It further admitted that mobile jammers around jails are found to be incapable of blocking signals inside prison. "...during a recent demonstration of equipment by ECIL, it was observed that mobile signals were not effectively blocked inside prison. The jammers were also found to be incapable of blocking signals of JIO Network," said the status re-



Jail officials said a proposal to install 5,629 CCTV cameras has been approved

port filed by Delhi Government's Additional Standing Counsel Anuj Aggarwal on behalf of Director General (DG) (Prisons), Tihar.

The DG's response came against the backdrop of a court query based on a letter by a prisoner in December last year, who

had alleged inhuman behaviour towards inmates at Tihar Jail and extorted by jail officials.

An enquiry by a judicial officer had found that jail officials allegedly took bribes to provide basic amenities and also found rampant use of cell phones, tobacco and other prohibited items inside the prison. The DG, in the reply, stated that two officials have been suspended. Jail authorities said that a "circular has been issued for taking stringent action against whosoever found in possession of prohibited items and for...action against officials found indulging in illegal activities". It stated that to stop smuggling of prohibited articles inside jails, they have sent proposal to the Delhi government for punitive action.

for various competitive examinations, but after failing to crack them, started taking exams for other aspirants.

The accused were identified as Naresh, the alleged leader of the gang, and his accomplices Ankush, Rakesh, Aman, Manjeet, Vikrant and Hardeep.

The arrest was made Sunday afternoon after a team of ISC received information that a group was involved in cheating during online recruitment exam for group X and Y posts in Indian Air Force, held from September 21-24. A team led by DCP (Crime Branch) Rajesh Deo conducted a

raid in Gandhi Vihar area of Mukherjee Nagar, where they found the accused sitting in a room and taking the exam for others," a senior officer said.

The accused tried to escape after jumping off the balcony of the rented flat in the two-storey building. One of them received

serious injuries in his leg and was taken to a hospital. Police have recovered several computers.

"During questioning, Naresh told police they charged Rs 7-8 lakh from aspirants. They took the test from a remote location," an officer said.

Explaining their modus operandi, a senior officer said they hacked the exam server with the help of "TeamViewer software", which allows the gang to operate any computer from a remote location. "During questioning, they disclosed that they struck a deal with the supervisors of some examination centres and

shared the same software with them to install on computers. Supervisors switched off CCTV cameras while hacking the server. On the day of the examination, the candidates would sit at the centre but the accused, sitting in their room, would take the tests for them," an officer said.

Police have identified several such aspirants and are conducting raids to nab them. The IAF has been told about the matter.

Last year, the vigilance wing of the IAF had unearthed a cheating scam where online examination paper for technical and non-technical posts was hacked.

## For 5,600 pvt school seats for disabled, education dept receives 44 applications

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE EDUCATION department has received applications not coming up to even one percent of the reserved seats lying vacant for children with special needs (CWSN) in private schools across the city.

Since last year, all private schools recognised by the education department are required to reserve three percent of all seats at entry-level classes for special needs children.

These admissions take place through a centralised draw of lots conducted by the Delhi government's Directorate of Education (DoE) — along the

lines of the process for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students — through which the applicants are allotted schools.

However, since last year itself, a low number of applications against these reserved seats has been a consistent problem.

More than five months into

the current academic session, 5,647 of these seats still remain vacant due to lack of applications.

As a result, the DoE called for a fresh round of applications on September 9.

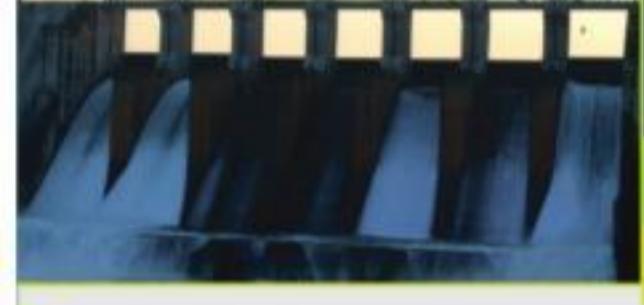
However, it received only 44 applications — up to 0.7% of the vacancies.

The date for applications has again been extended to October 3, in the hope of attracting more applicants

The primary reason for the low number of applications is the lack of physical and teaching-learning infrastructure suitable for children with special needs in city schools, despite directives from the High Court, Delhi government and provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, that all schools move towards inclusive education.

A day after the DoE called for the last round of applications earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported that two special needs children who were allotted seats at Delhi Public School, Dwarka, but the school said their current infrastructure did not make admitting them "feasible".

Disability rights activist Dr Satender Singh said, "Given the lack of inclusive and accessible infrastructure and tools in schools, parents will prefer to send their children to specialised schools for children with disabilities."



## Chairman's Address at the 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on September 24, 2019



ONGOING PROJECTS:

In the 600 MW Kameng HEP, all the major structures viz., Dam, Water Conductor System, Power House Civil Works, HM Works, EM Works of Unit-1 & II were completed in February 2018. After completion of all major works required for commissioning of the project in March 2018, two hydro generating units of 150 MW each (Unit-I & Unit-II) were put on trial mechanical run on 08.03.2018 and 10.03.2018 respectively. However, leakages in the penstocks were noticed on 12th March 2018, as a result, the penstock rectification had to be undertaken and work is presently in progress on war footing. The repairing work of Penstocks I & II, is being carried out under close monitoring of the Corporation with the best available technology/resources in the world. Pre-UT testing of Penstock-I & II and map all the welding defects was completed on 28th November, 2018 and 12th December, 2018 respectively.

It is anticipated that generating unit-1 & unit-2 of 150 MW each will be commissioned during October 2019 after completion of penstock rectification works with weld repair method in Penstock-I, Unit-3 & Unit-4 of 150 MW each, connected to penstock-2 are likely to be commissioned in April 2020 with deployment of combination of welding and CFRP (Carbon Fibre Reinforced Polymer) technology in association with DORDO and involving foreign expertise.

The RCE at March 2015 PL on Rs. 6179.96 Crore was cleared by the CEA on 18.03.2016. However, the Revised Cost Committee (RCC) in its meeting held on 26.10.2018 directed submission of fresh RCE at the latest price level (August/September/2018 PL) for further consideration. Accordingly, the RCE at September, 2018 PL for Rs. 5269.34 Crore (excluding IDC & FC) was submitted to the Ministry of Power (MoP) on 30.11.2018. The MoP forwarded the RCE to CEA on 06.12.2018. The CEA returned the RCE on 10.04.19 advising for re-framing the RCE at latest price level. Accordingly, the RCE has been updated at June, 2019 PL for an estimated amount of Rs. 5672.91 crore (excluding IDC & FC) and shall be submitted to CEA/CWC shortly.

The cumulative expenditure incurred up to June, 2019 was Rs.7327.76 Crore, out of which an amount of Rs.659.56 Crore was spent during 2018-19.

PRADHAN MANTRI SAHAY Biju Har Ghar Yojana-Saubhagya:

Rural Electrification works in the State of Tripura under the "Pradhan Mantri Sahay Biju Har Ghar Yojana-Saubhagya" scheme on behalf of TSECIL, Tripura are being carried out by our Company as Project Implementing Agency. The works are undertaken in the two Districts of Sepahijala and South Tripura at an estimated cost of Rs 39.97 Crore and Rs 54.96 Crore respectively. Work in both the Districts is in progress. As on June 2019, in Sepahijala District, House Hold (HH) wiring in 5485 HH out of 5259 HH has been completed. In South Tripura District House Hold (HH) wiring in 5380 HH out of 5380 HH has been completed.

Saubhagya Scheme has been declared closed by the REC w.e.f. 31.03.2019. However, considering the volume of work, the Tripura State Electricity Company Limited (TSECIL) was requested on 04.04.2019 to extend the completion date upto 31.03.2020 which is under active consideration by the REC.

NEW PROJECTS:

Further, your Company has taken up additional projects for preparation of PFR/DPR for subsequent implementation in ownerships as well as JV basis. Some of the major projects are 200 MW Solar PV Power Project in Odisha, 85 MW Wah Umiam St-II HEP, 120 MW Dibbin HEP, 330 MW Kurung HEP, 3750 MW Slang Upper Stage-II HEP in Arunachal Pradesh.

In line with the decision taken in the CPSE concilie during April 2018 chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister, your Company has signed and Umbrella MoU with SJVN Ltd on 28 June 2019 to execute projects jointly in India and abroad.

With the active initiative of your company, the Govt. of Meghalaya has allocated two upstream projects in the Wah Umiam basin viz. Wah Umiam St-I and St-II for investigation, DPR preparation and subsequent implementation. The MoU is expected to be signed very shortly.

The Govt. of Tripura has also reposed great faith on your Company and strongly advocated to the Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of India, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for allocation of additional natural gas to the existing 101 MW Tripura Gas Based Power Plant, Monarchak for its extension to the original planned capacity of 500 MW. Although the land was acquired and other infrastructure were created envisaging higher capacity installation but due to subsequent reduction in gas allocation, the plant size was reduced to 101 MW. NEEPCO has also expressed its willingness for extension of the plant within minimum time and cost by taking advantage of the already created facility.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

The IT infrastructure has been significantly improved during 2018-19. The corporate network connectivity has been extended via high speed MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) to locations like TGBPP, RHEP not previously connected. The Video Conferencing System has been extended to AGBPP, Bokuloni. The tender for engagement of a system integrator for ERP implementation has been finalized and L0I issued on 07.08.2019. The kick off meeting with the system integrator, consultant, review consultant and NEEPCO was held on 20.08.2019 in New Delhi.

The self-service portal HRMS (Human Resource Management Software) has further been incorporated with additional features and self-service modules. A greater thrust has been given for wide scale implementation of GePNC and GeM applications as per the directives of the Government of India.

### RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:

Your Company has undertaken R&D Project during the year 2018-19 to Design of an automatic Communication system through cloud computing using sensor based automated input for efficient operation of Rangani HEP with due emphasis on downstream concerns up to confluence with Subansiri river with IT, Guwahati. The R&D project is on demand and shall continue till 2021-22. Based on the joint discussion and interaction between NEEPCO & IIT, Guwahati, phase wise activities are being framed by the IIT, Guwahati.

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

Your Company is committed towards the objectives of Sustainable Development through its activities and services. There is a constant endeavor to contribute and maintain social and environmental sustainability. CSR & Sustainability Development projects have been undertaken for promotion of education, health & sanitation, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Entrepreneurship Development Programme and activities for Backward Area Development.

The CSR&S Budget for the year 2018-19 was Rs.9.35 crores, out of which an amount of Rs.5.15 crore was spent. The reasons for under spending of CSR outlay is mainly due to delay in receiving proposals. However, the unspent amount of Rs.4.20 Crore will be carried over and included in the CSR&S budget of 2019-20 and will be utilized during the period.

### RULES AND POLICIES:

The Management brought into effect the following HR policies and schemes during the year 2018-19, as enumerated below:

Employees Family Economic Rehabilitation Scheme was introduced for providing monetary benefit and support to employees / family in the event of permanent total disablement / death of the employee while in service. Under this policy, a beneficiary is entitled for monthly payment equivalent to Basic + D.A. last drawn to Basic + D.A. last drawn.

### PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES:

During the period from 01/04/2018 to 31/3/2019, NEEPCO Vigilance Department has dealt with various aspects of Vigilance Mechanism under the directives and guidelines issued from the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) from time to time. For exclusive and independent functioning of Vigilance Department, NEEPCO ensured transparency, objectivity and quality in vigilance

### Chairman's Speech



Dear Members,

It is my proud privilege and pleasure to extend warm greetings to all of you on behalf of the Board of Directors of your company at the 43rd Annual General Meeting. I express my sincere gratitude for your confidence and continued support. The Annual Report for the financial year ending 31st March 2019, comprising of Directors' Report, Audited Annual Accounts and Auditors' Report are with you and with your permission, I take them, as read.

Your Company has established its presence in the Power Sector for its commitment to provide reliable, quality & economic power to the North Eastern Region in particular and the Country as a whole. Since its establishment in 1976, the Corporation has played a pivotal role for rendering valuable service for the socio-economic development and strategic growth of the region. I take this opportunity to briefly mention some of the highlights of achievements during the year under review.

Your company has successfully commissioned both the units of the 110 MW Pare HE Project (2x55 MW) in the month of May 2018 with commencement of commercial operation in the same month in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The Project was dedicated to the Nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 9th February 2019.

I take this opportunity to share some of the highlights of achievements of your company over the last financial year. The Company's nine operational plants with 34 Units and one Solar Power Plant generated 5104 MU during the year 2018-19 against MOU (Very Good) Target of 8300 MU. The shortfall in generation target is on account of non-commissioning of Kameng HE Project, which is delayed from the scheduled period of March 2018 due to leakage in the Penstock and all out efforts for rectification are being made to complete it in shortest possible time. All the (three) units of Rangani HE Project were on planned shutdown w.e.f. 09.02.2019 to 28.04.2019 for MIV (Main Inlet Valve) Disc replacement, commissioning of surge shaft gate and reservoir flushing which is a gigantic task as it has been taken up after approx. 17 years of operation of the plant. On account of this shut down, there was some shortfall in generation with consequential shortfall of generation in the downstream Pare HE Project as well. However, this flushing operation was essential for the long term health of the Rangani Power Plant and it will bring huge benefits in future.

The Corporation earned a total income of Rs.20,007.04 Crore from sale of power and other income against Rs.16,23,95 Crore in the previous year. During the year 2018-19, the Corporation earned a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of Rs.451.58 Crore against last year's figure of Rs.402.71 Crore (Restated). The Gross Operating Margin of the Corporation as on 31st March, 2019 was Rs.864.36 Crore against Rs.823.08 Crore as on 31st March, 2018.

The Corporation paid an interim dividend of Rs.68.00 crores to the Govt. of India in March 2019. Your Directors have recommended a final dividend of Rs.39.00 crore for the year 2018-19. The total dividend payout for the year amounts to Rs.107.00 Crores i.e. Rs.0.30 per equity share. The dividend pay-out represents 50% of Profit after Tax (PAT). The final dividend shall be paid upon your approval in the Annual General Meeting. The total dividend payout including dividend tax paid by the Corporation is 40.3



March to 10 nations will mark Gandhi anniversary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

A ONE-YEAR global foot march for "justice and peace," covering 10 countries and 14,000 km, will start from New Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on October 2 and end at Geneva in September next year.

The initiative, named Jai Jagat, urges implementation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a dialogue with UN agencies in Geneva.

Headed by Gandhian Rajagopal P V, the march will start from Rajghat and travel through India for four months before heading to Switzerland through Iran and some Balkan nations.

Speaking at New Delhi Tuesday, Rajagopal said, "Through the ideology of Jai Jagat, there's an effort to unite the world — how we can all come together to protect the planet."

The organisers said the four pillars of advocacy related to the UN goals are at the core of the Jai Jagat campaign. They are eradication of poverty, social inclusion, climate justice and nonviolent resolution of conflicts.

Organisers estimate that 10,000 people would join the march internationally from countries including the UK, Spain and Sweden.

An estimated funding of Rs 4 crore for the march will be raised through crowdfunding.



Rajagopal PV (centre) at the event, Tuesday

## 'We need to question what is nationalism'

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

NEPHEW OF Bhagat Singh, Major General (Retd) Sheonan Singh, Tuesday questioned the current idea of nationalism, and said the Army was a "badly exploited" institution. He was speaking at the launch of a book on the freedom fighter at JNU.

The book, *The Bhagat Singh Reader*, has been edited by retired JNU professor Chaman Lal and published by Harper Collins. Speaking at the launch organised by the JNU Teachers' Association, Singh said, "We have created a *murti* (statue) of democracy and we are playing musical chairs around it. What do you do to sit on the chair doesn't make a difference, what you do when you sit also doesn't make a difference. Revolution would be if we change the *murti*, and not how we run

around it," he said.

"We need to question what is nationalism? I'm quite confused... Is nationalism praising a man who won at musical chair and sat on the chair? Or is it running around that chair?" said Singh.

He talked of his three years in Sri Lanka. "I've been in the Army for many years. Let me tell you, they are the most badly exploited by the government. They have no opportunity to say what they want to," said Singh.

Historians Harbans Mukhia, S Irfan Habib and Sucheta Mahajan also attended the launch. "Whatever Bhagat Singh wrote... whatever he did, is so far away from all those who carry his name on posters, and use it to advance their politics... Nationalism for him was not the nationalism some of us talk of today... Religion for him was irrelevant, and religion is so central to the nationalism that has been defined today," said Habib.

The body of the student, hailing

from Madhya Pradesh, was handed over to the family Tuesday morning.

According to police, the student, for the past few years, mostly kept to himself. Pursuing a business course from the university, he did not have a lot of friends in college, the family told police.

A statement by the college read: "The third year B.B.A (Hons) student from the Jindal Global Business School died by suicide. His parents and the police have been duly informed. We are deeply shocked and saddened that a young life has ended in this tragic manner. Our deepest condolences are with his classmates, friends, teachers, parents and other members of JGU community. JGU is observing a three-day mourning on the campus."

The student shared his room with two others, who were away at the time, said police.

## Student hangs himself in Jindal univ hostel room

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SONEPAT, SEPTEMBER 24

A THIRD-YEAR BBA student from OP Jindal University allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his college hostel room.

The 21-year-old's body was found Monday as officials were alerted by students living in the same wing.

"We are awaiting the post-mortem report. It appears he committed suicide over the weekend when his roommates were away. The exact period will be determined in the autopsy. No suicide note was recovered. It appears he was depressed, which allegedly drove him to suicide. We will speak to his family members to further determine details," said an officer from Rai Police Station.

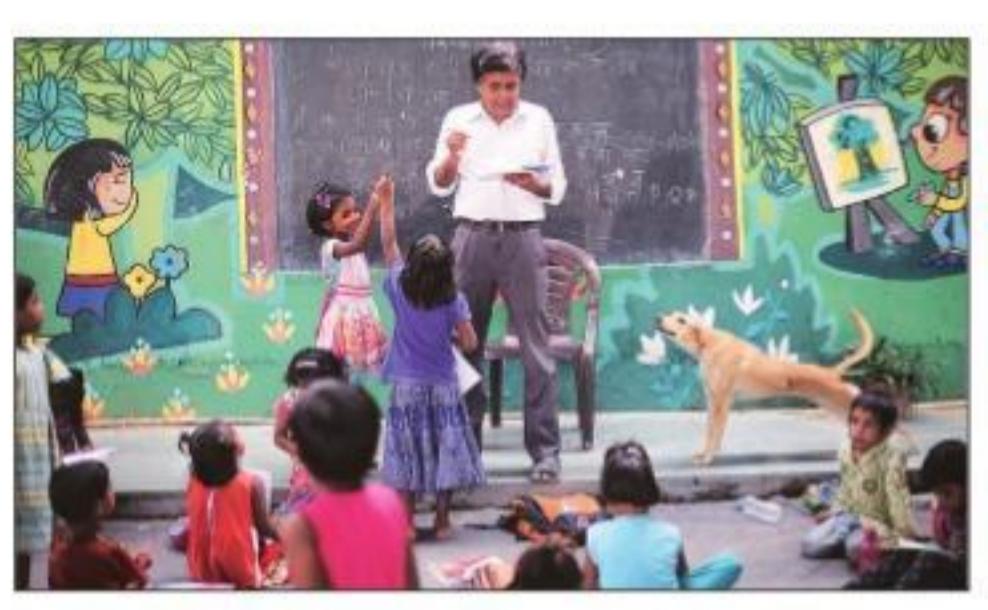
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from Madhya Pradesh, was handed over to the family Tuesday morning.

Sania, who now studies at the Shakarpur Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, goes to school by bicycle. "If I ride really fast, I can reach in half hour," she said.

Kumar says among the children who had studied at this school, one is currently a student at Delhi University's Dyal Singh College, two are students at Pusa Industrial Training Institute, and one is working at Ashoka Hotel.

However, one of the teachers — there were six that afternoon, all of whom teach for free — has a special connection to the 'school' since she herself had studied there, and completed school from the Shakarpur government school this year. "I wanted to do a B.Ed as I think teaching is the best thing one can do, but I could not pursue it because my family didn't allow me. They are trying to get me married. I am teaching here to remain in touch with studies," said 19-year-old Amrita.



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rolled the first group of students — a bunch of 60-odd children from river bank — in 2007.

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came, saw what I was doing, and asked me to bring them to the school. That year itself, around 60 children were admitted," he said.

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One of the primary reasons

CM ANNOUNCES SURVEY, FIRST STEP IN REGULARISING THEM

## Halt eviction of vendors, Delhi govt tells civic bodies

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

"There was a need to bring vendors under the umbrella of law. They face extortion. They are forced to pay bribes..."

ARVIND KEJRIWAL  
DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

asked to meet within a week and undertake the surveys.

Kejriwal said the registration of vendors will be done during the survey process and those having valid documents will be issued certificates of vending within a week.

The committees were notified last week. Kejriwal said the survey will include all markets in the capital, including the Darya Ganj weekly book market which had to be shifted following a Delhi High Court order on removal of markets at Netaji Subhash Marg.

Although the 2014 Act mandated creation of TCVs, the process faced a series of hurdles in the form of litigations. "We had begun the process of forming the committees right after taking office. We had formed the rules and scheme under the Act. However, the court was moved and rules were quashed. So we had to do it again," Kejriwal said.

The rules and the scheme, which were to be mandated under the Act, were notified by the government in 2016 and April 2019 respectively.

According to official records, the government had notified 27 committees in September 2018 as well. However, these didn't withstand judicial scrutiny for not having adequate number of street vendors on board.

"There was a need to bring vendors under the umbrella of law. They have to face extortions. They are forced to pay bribes. Since they are not organised, in many places they unwittingly cause traffic jams," Kejriwal said.

The TVCs, which have representatives from vendors, market associations, MCDs, police, town planners and RWAs, have been



CM Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and Health Minister Satyendar Jain at Tuesday's event. Praveen Khanna

## 100 RWAs sign pact with AAP govt on dengue fight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

IN AN outreach ahead of the assembly polls, the AAP government Tuesday signed agreements with over 100 RWAs with the purpose of generating awareness on dengue prevention.

Till now, the AAP government had agreements with around 300 RWAs, under which the latter were provided financial assistance for maintaining parks and gardens.

CM Arvind Kejriwal, along with several Cabinet ministers and MLAs, attended a public meeting of the RWAs at Talkatora stadium Tuesday.

Under the MOU, the RWAs will follow a five-point action plan to tackle dengue, including distributing pamphlets, pasting stickers outside households to de-

clare them dengue-free. "People can paste the sticker after inspecting their homes every Sunday to notify others that their house is dengue-free," the MoU states.

"We have sent the MOU drafts to the RWAs along with the invites to the event. The RWAs were free not to sign any agreement. However, on Tuesday itself, we signed MOUs with over 100 RWAs. The list is still being collated," Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission vice-chairman Jasmine Shah told *The Indian Express*.

The partnership is being considered a step towards consolidating the AAP's ground connect, a model the Congress had mastered under Sheila Dikshit through the 'Bhagidaari' scheme.

However, unlike 'Bhagidaari', the AAP government's outreach does not have any financial component as of now.

Ernest had failed to extend adequate compensation to the families of those who lost their lives while cleaning sewers.

"Since March 2017, 38 sewer workers have died. When we consider data from 2003, this number stands at 64. So far, 46 families have received compensation of Rs 10 lakh each," Zala said.

When Gautam reached the

presser from a dengue event at Talkatora, the commission members raised the issue in front of reporters. Gautam initially tried to respond, but later decided to walk out.

## After BJP leader, his wife loses campaign post over video

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24



Singh was last week removed from post of Mehrauli district president

videos of both leaders allegedly indulging in violence and cross-FIRs filed by each against the other before arriving at the decision.

The BJP had removed Singh from his post Thursday after videos of him slapping Chaudhary at the party's office in Pant Marg, in front of several party members, emerged. Singh had at the time claimed his wife had also abused and attacked him.

The incident had taken place when district BJP leaders were returning from a meeting chaired by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar.

Since then, there have been three more incidents of party leaders indulging in violence or verbal spats in Kairi, Gokulpuri and Dwarka. Tiwari had Monday told *The Indian Express* that such incidents will be dealt with sternly.

## AAP's Gautam, safai karamchari body head spar over sewer deaths

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE CHAIRPERSON of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) and the Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam Tuesday had a public spat over sewer deaths in the capital.

The two had a heated exchange during a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat, following the chairperson's meeting with top officials of the Delhi government, which in-

cluded Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev.

Gautam told *The Indian Express* that the commission was "politicising the issues of sewer deaths", an issue the Delhi government has been trying to tackle through a series of measures, including deployment of advanced cleaning machines.

"He could have raised the issue in the meeting with the officials. But he wanted to politicise the issue," Gautam said.

Earlier, chairperson of the commission, Manhar Valji Bhai Zala, alleged that the Delhi gov-

Jaipur Development Authority, Jaipur

### GRAND AUCTION OF FARM HOUSES AND RESORTS

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	F-2	2652.29	Open Auction
	F-3	2887.03	E-Auction
	F-5	2645.90	Open Auction
	F-6	3440.41	E-Auction
	F-7	2583.83	Open Auction
	F-8	2522.29	Open Auction
	F-9	2534.05	Open Auction
	R-1	8055.32	E-Auction
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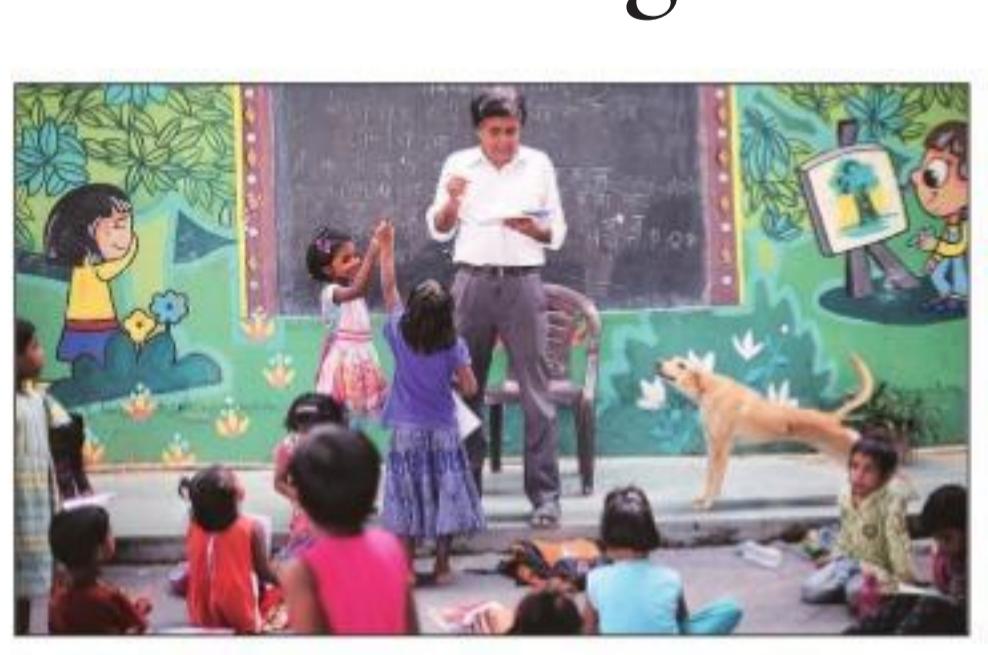
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SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

WITH STUDENTS who made it to Delhi University and others coming back to teach younger ones, a school under the flyover on the banks of the Yamuna has been helping out-of-school children mainstream into regular school for years.

On Tuesday afternoon, around 130 girls sat under the overhead Metro tracks near the river bank, facing five blackboards painted on the base wall of the overhead structure. This is the second shift of 'The Free School under the Bridge,' which has around 300 children attached to it at the moment — boys study in the morning shift. These are children of the farming community which cultivates on the banks of the Yamuna in the capital.

This year, around 30 children from this 'school' were enrolled into MCD and government schools at Shakarpur. Rajesh Kumar, a shop owner who has been running this set-up on his own initiative, said he had en-



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rolled the first group of students — a bunch of 60-odd children from river bank — in 2007.

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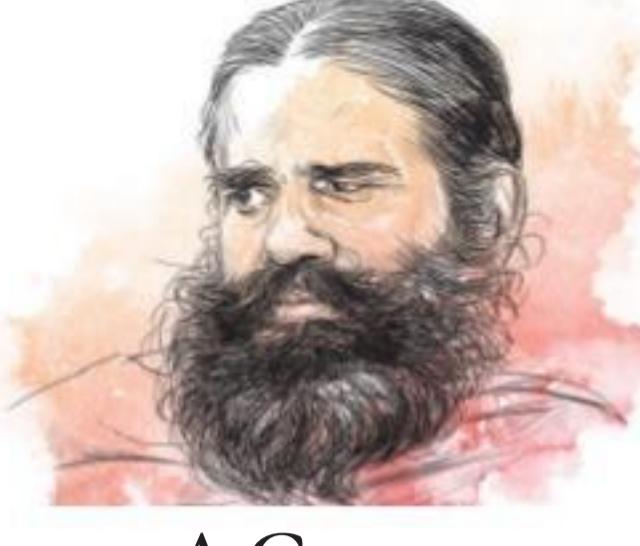
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One of the primary reasons

North civic body schools to get 6,000 benches



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## POSING A CHALLENGE

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (Deemed University) invited an interesting guest of honour to launch its off-campus centre in Noida on Tuesday. Yoga guru Ramdev landed at the event two-and-a-half hours late. Apparently, he got the dates mixed up and had to arrange for a helicopter to fly from Haridwar to Noida for the event. He apologised to the audience and said this was the first time in three decades that he was late for an event. He then spoke for almost half-an-hour, during which he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, offered career advice to students, and even challenged them to do sit-ups with him on the stage.

## WORDS OF PRAISE

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman may be under fire for the economic slowdown, but she seems to enjoy a lot of goodwill among women. At the release of a report on 'Status of Women in India' by Drishti Adhyayan Prabhodhan Kendra on Tuesday, the organisers welcomed Sitharaman saying, 'Ghar ki Lakshmi desh ki Lakshmi ko sambhaal rahi hain', drawing applause from the crowd, mostly women. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who was the chief guest, spoke after Sitharaman and quoted her at least thrice, endorsing everything she said on women.

## GIVE-AND-TAKE

WITH THE death of Ram Jethmalani, a Rajya Sabha seat from Bihar has fallen vacant. Jethmalani was sent to Rajya Sabha by the RJD, but the numbers are now stacked against the party. While the JD(U)-BJP alliance is in majority, it is not clear which party will claim the seat. A section of the BJP feels that the seat should go to its candidate, as it gave up a seat for its ally, Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan, earlier this year. Whether the BJP gets its allies to concede this seat remains to be seen.

## Tripura Cong chief resigns, says party asked him to drop his SC plea seeking NRC



ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 24

PRADYOT MANIKYA Debbarma, the president of the Congress's Tripura unit and sole heir to the erstwhile Manikya royal family, on Tuesday said that he has resigned from the party.

Among the primary reasons for his resignation was the Congress leadership asking him to drop his petition in the Supreme Court seeking an NRC in Tripura, the leader has alleged.

"I was told by Luizinho Faleiro (the Congress party in-charge of Northeastern states) to drop the case or else step down as state president. I cannot compromise on my people or the security of my country," Debbarma told *The Indian Express* over the phone.

"People in the BJP control the Congress in Tripura today. I do not understand the soft stand of the Congress party on issues," he added.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday morning, Debbarma wrote, "Woke up today after a long time feeling relaxed. I start this day without having to listen to criminals and liars. Not having to worry about which colleague will back stab you, not having to indulge in groupism and backchat. Not having to listen to 'High Command' on how to accommodate corrupt people in high positions."

He continued, "When I woke up relaxed this morning I realised how my health and my life was being affected because I was not ready to allow wrong elements in society get into posts and position which would destroy our state. I tried and perhaps I lost but then how could I win when I was alone in this fight from the beginning?"

Before the Lok Sabha polls this year, Debbarma was appointed as the Congress's Tripura unit president. He had earlier played a crucial role in protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. His appointment as the state Congress chief was supposed to consolidate a large chunk of tribal voters who expressed disenchantment with the ruling BJP.

Debbarma wrote, "Rahul Gandhi has been my leader but today I feel quite lost without him in this party. But I owe more to my people and will continue to work in that direction independent of the Congress," he wrote.

## Pak in mind, PM says: Don't politicise action on terror



SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 24

INDIA TUESDAY used the opportunity to hit out at the China-Pakistan nexus at an international forum as Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the need to "avoid politicisation" of mechanisms like sanction listings and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). He called for such mechanisms to be enforced.

Modi made these comments in a closed-door session while speaking at the Leaders' Dialogue on Strategic Responses to Terrorist and Violent Extremist Narratives, which is being organised by Jordan and New Zealand, among other countries at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

After the meeting, Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (west), A Gitesh Sarma, said: "The Prime Minister said that terrorists should not be allowed to get funds and arms. For this objective to be realised, we need to avoid politicisation of mechanisms like UN listings and FATF. These mechanisms need to be enforced."

Pakistan has in the past accused India of politicising these mechanisms, pointed to the listing of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on the sidelines of the United Nations session in New York. PTI

chief Masood Azhar. Delhi, however, has raised the issue of politicisation of the listing regime, even as the FATF is likely to take a decision on Pakistan's blacklisting by the end of September. China is currently the chair of FATF.

At the forum in New York Tuesday, Sarma quoted Modi as saying that a terrorist attack anywhere in the world "should be considered terrorism—not good or bad terrorism. Not more or less".

"The Prime Minister called for qualitative upgradation in the ongoing cooperation and intelligence sharing through bilateral and regional frameworks," he said.

Sharing India's experience, Sarma said, Modi told the meeting that democratic values, diversity and inclusive development are the most important weapons against ideologies that

promote terrorism, extremism and radicalism.

The Prime Minister, he said, called for global solidarity and readiness against terrorism in the same way as the world has shown solidarity against challenges like climate change. Modi also reiterated his call for a global conference on international terrorism—an idea he had first floated during his visit to Maldives in June.

Tuesday's meeting also took

stock of the Christchurch Call to Action to eliminate terrorists and violent extremist content online. India has supported the Christchurch call to sanitise cyberspace from content that promotes and eulogises terrorism, hate and violence, Sarma said.

India's "rising stature" and "strong democratic credentials" have been increasingly resonating in multilateral fora. Here, it was exemplified by French President

## EXPLAINED Pak's China card

PAKISTAN'S CASE is coming up at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) this month-end. With China currently chairing the global anti-terror funding body, there is concern in India that Pakistan will get a long rope and may not be blacklisted despite failing to adhere to its commitments.

Emmanuel Macron's opening statement where he expressed appreciation for India's association to the Christchurch call, particularly as a democracy that represents over a billion people.

President Macron said India's support takes the entire initiative to new levels and gives it a greater sense of action towards dealing with, content and use of online techniques. While there was no outcome document from the meeting, Sarma said that it was a new initiative that is evolving.

The issue of terrorism also came up during the Prime Minister's meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani—they also discussed the issue of counter-terrorism.

Modi tweeted: "Delighted to meet @TamimBinHamad, the Amir of Qatar. We had productive talks on deepening bilateral cooperation between our countries."

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## Indian Army's statement on Balakot baseless, says Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

PAKISTAN ON Tuesday rejected as "completely baseless" the Indian Army chief's statement on the reactivation of a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror camp in Balakot that was destroyed by the IAF in February this year.

Tensions between India and Pakistan spiked after India on August 5 revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated it into two union territories.

Reacting to India's move on Kashmir, Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and expelled the Indian High Commissioner. Islamabad has been trying to internationalise the Kashmir issue but India has asserted that it was an "internal matter".

Early this year, tensions flared up between India and Pakistan after a suicide bomber of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) killed 40 CRPF personnel in Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Amid mounting outrage, the Indian Air Force carried out a counter-terror operation, hitting the biggest JeM training camp in Balakot, deep inside Pakistan on February 26.

## Situation very bad, no sign of freedom of speech in Kashmir: Azad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 24

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday described the situation in Kashmir as "very bad", adding that "there was no sign of freedom of speech".

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NORTH

## Two constables get life imprisonment for murder

**Lucknow:** A court in Mainpuri district has sentenced two police constables to life imprisonment for the murder of a youth following a scuffle in 2013. One of the constables had later shot the deceased, Anuj Kumar, with a country-made pistol. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 each. The convicts, Sudhir Kumar and Tahar Singh, were posted at the Jageer police outpost under Elaau police station in Mainpuri when the killing took place. According to the prosecution, a scuffle took place when Kumar was stopped while he was travelling with two others for documents.

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**Rescue efforts underway after a portion of a five-storey building collapsed in Khar area of Mumbai. A 10-year-old girl was killed and two people were injured.** Express

EAST

## Maoists blow up oil tanker in Chhattisgarh; three killed

**Raipur:** Three people were killed when Maoists blew up an oil tanker with an improvised explosive device (IED) in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Tuesday, police said. The incident took place around 10 am when the diesel-laden tanker was engaged in rail track laying work in Rowghat area, IGP (Bastar) range) Vivekanand Sinha said. The tanker had left from Tumapal camp of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) to provide fuel to vehicles engaged in Dallirajhara-Rowghat railway project work. When it reached near Patkalbeda village, the IED exploded, killing its three occupants on the spot, police said.

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WEST

## Man beats wife to death, tries to pass it off as accident

**Nashik:** A 65-year-old man allegedly beat his wife to death and later tried to pass it off as a road accident in Maharashtra's Nashik district, police said on Tuesday. On Monday, Namdev Rajaram Bhor, a resident of Vinchurdalvi village, had an argument with his wife Hirabai (58), an official at Sinnar police station said.

PTI

SOUTH

## Accused of theft, teenager sets himself on fire

**Hyderabad:** A 16-year-old boy committed suicide by setting himself on fire after villagers accused him of theft at a village in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana, police said on Tuesday. According to an official, the incident occurred on September 23. The boy, a Class 10 student, allegedly stole Rs 30,000 on Sunday from a parked car. Village elders called for a meeting and reprimanded the boy, the official said. Police were informed that the boy returned Rs 15,000. However, after being insulted by villagers, the teenager set himself on fire, the officer said. He was rushed to hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

PTI

## RSS will disown any member if found guilty of violence: Bhagwat

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RSS CHIEF Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday interacted with journalists working for foreign media organisations in the country. In the interaction which lasted nearly three hours, Bhagwat emphasised that abrogating Jammu and Kashmir's special status will help in its integration with the country.

Bhagwat told the foreign journalists that Kashmiris were earlier "alienated", but now after Article 370 has been left ineffective, the barriers it had put up will be removed.

Bhagwat told the journalists that fears of Kashmiris about "losing land and jobs should be allayed".

He explained that the National Register of Citizens in Assam was to identify Indians and not to "expel" people.

Talking about the incidents of lynchings across the country, the RSS chief said that his organisation condemns all forms of violence and will "disown" any RSS member if found guilty.

Bhagwat reiterated the view of the RSS on bringing a Uniform Civil Code. Regarding the economic slowdown, he stated that there is no "policy paralysis" in the government, but refrained from commenting on the economy, stating that the RSS was not an expert on the subject.

In a statement, the RSS stated that around "80 journalists representing more than 50 organisations" attended the interaction.

PITCHING FOR women, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that men should not take decisions for women but support women in their pursuit of progress, while Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman called for more access and opportunity rather than token participation for women.

"Men cannot take decisions for women. Men should not think that they know better than women to guide them to make progress. Women have the power and are capable of decision-making," Bhagwat said at an event to release the report 'Status of Women in India', a study by Drishti Street Adhyayan Prabodhan Kendra, an NGO working with the RSS.

Bhagwat, who had earlier drawn criticism for his remarks

on women, said that women are multi-taskers. "We have forgotten what women can do. They can multitask. Even the one who runs the house has a role to play. Men are not capable of doing such things."

He added: "Nature has given men power to hunt and strength to work hard... but they cannot run things. Women can."

In 2013, Bhagwat's remarks on husband-wife relations had triggered a controversy. "A husband and wife are involved in a contract under which the husband has said that you should take care of my house and I will take care of all your needs. I will keep you safe. So, the husband follows the contract terms. Till the time the wife follows the contract, the husband stays with her; if the wife violates the contract, he can disown her," he was quoted as saying at a rally in Indore.

The study comes at a time

when the RSS has decided to focus on women. In its last coordination meeting in Rajasthan's Pushkar, the Sangh had decided to focus more on women, especially those from tribal regions, in its activities.

While Bhagwat advised men to start making such changes at home, if not for the society,

cooperating in the investigation. Vadra is facing probe in connection with allegations of money laundering in purchase of a London-based property worth 1.9 million pounds.

Vadra's role cropped up during the investigation of cases related to alleged arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari, who is wanted

in India for alleged offences ranging from violation of foreign exchange rules to black money and routing kickbacks in defence deals.

The reply, however, claimed that "Vadra has no properties outside India whatsoever, nor does he have any beneficial ownership of any property outside India".

# EXPRESS NETWORK

## RBI puts restrictions on PMC Bank; panic among depositors at branches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE RBI on Tuesday slapped restrictions on Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited (PMC Bank), a leading cooperative bank headquartered in Mumbai, for various irregularities. The move created panic among thousands of depositors.

In its directions to the bank, which has a deposit base of Rs 11,617 crore, the central bank said depositors will be allowed to withdraw only Rs 1,000 of the total balance in every savings bank account or current account or any other deposit account. Hundreds of customers rushed to PMC Bank branches across Maharashtra as soon as the announcement came. There was chaos around the branches as customers were unable to withdraw more than Rs 1,000.

The RBI also said the bank will not be able to grant or renew any loans and advances, make any investment, incur any liability including borrowing of funds and acceptance of fresh deposits, disburse or agree to disburse any payment whether in discharge of its liabilities and obligations without prior approval in writing from the Reserve Bank of India.

Though the RBI did not disclose the specific lapses on the part of the bank, banking sources cited under-reporting of non-performing assets (NPAs) as the main reason for the regulatory action. While the bank reported 3.76 per cent of advances as gross NPAs in March 2019, the actual NPA level is likely to be much higher, sources said.

The bank's Managing



Outside a PMC Bank branch in Kopar Khairane in Navi Mumbai. Narendra Vaskar

Director Joy Thomas took "re-sentences" for the "irregularities". "Joy Thomas, MD, regret to inform you that your PMC Bank has been put under regulatory restriction... due to irregularities disclosed to the RBI. As the MD of the bank, I take the responsibility and assure all the depositors that these irregularities will be rectified before the expiry of six months," he said.

"All efforts are made to remove the restrictions by rectifying the irregularities. I know it is a difficult time for all of you and any apology may not restore the pain you are undergoing," Thomas said in a text message to

the customers. Meanwhile, worried depositors flooded social media with complaints. "What will happen to the customers of PMC Bank. It's our hard-earned money... Customers in shock and pain. Who will answer? The bank or the RBI?" said a depositor.

Shailesh Prabhudesai, who runs an IT firm in Ratnagiri, said, "The RBI should have acted against the bank's employees instead of punishing account holders."

The RBI has told the bank not to enter into any compromise or arrangement and not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets ex-

cept as notified in the RBI directions dated September 23, 2019. The RBI directions will remain in force for a period of six months from the closing of business of the bank on September 23, 2019, it said. The audit of the bank is likely to be over by then and the RBI is expected to take measures to strengthen its operations.

According to the RBI, the directions should not be construed as cancellation of banking licence.

PMC Bank has 137 branches across seven states with 81 branches in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar regions. The bank reported net

EXPAINED  
Curbs to hit customers across 7 states

PMC Bank, an urban cooperative bank with deposit base of Rs 11,617 crore and operations across seven states, has been put under the scanner by the RBI after "irregularities" were disclosed to the banking regulator. Given that it ranks among the top 10 cooperative banks in the country and the RBI restrictions will remain in force for six months, unrest among customers is likely to continue.

profit of Rs 99.69 crore for the year ended March 2019 as against Rs 100.90 crore in March 2018. The 14-member board of the bank is headed by S Waryam Singh.

The opposition NCP said that the RBI and government should ensure that account-holders do not lose money. The party also alleged that this development was due to the government's "wrong economic policies".

## Dadasaheb Phalke award for Amitabh Bachchan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AMITABH BACHCHAN, one of the most influential stars of his generation, was on Tuesday named the Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient for the year 2018 for his contribution to the Indian film industry.

The award comes in a year when 76-year-old Bachchan completes 50 years as an actor.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar confirmed the news on a Twitter post.

"The legend Amitabh Bachchan who entertained and inspired for 2 generations has been selected unanimously for #DadaSahabPhalke award. The entire country and international community is happy. My heartfelt congratulations to him. @narendramodi @SriBachchan," Javadekar tweeted, tagging both the Prime Minister and the actor.

The government honoured Bachchan with the Padma Shri in 1984, the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2015 for his contributions to the arts.

Considered the highest honour for an artiste in Indian cinema, the award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs 10,00,000.

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## Court orders relocation of Unnao rape victim to Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

A DELHI COURT on Tuesday ordered relocation of the Unnao rape victim and her family to the capital after her relatives told the court that they wish to shift to the city as they fear for their lives in their village.

The court directed that after being discharged from AIIMS Trauma Centre, the victim be shifted to a hotel for seven days.

According to a senior doctor at AIIMS, the victim has already been discharged from the hospital. She was critically injured in an accident on July 28, when the car in which she was travelling collided with a truck in Rae Bareli.

"She has been discharged on September 19 and will be coming back to the hospital for a follow-up



Accused  
MLA  
Kuldeep  
Singh  
Sengar

in the first week of October," said a senior doctor from AIIMS. Recently, a temporary court was convened inside the AIIMS trauma centre to record her testimony.

The court order on her relocation came after the CBI conducted a threat assessment and came to the conclusion that the victim's family members are facing category-A threat.

Anticipatory bail application was filed by the girl in the court of District Judge and it was heard by Additional District and Session Judge Sudhir Kumar, who was today holding the charge of the district judge. The

court directed SIT to file its reply with documents related to the case. Without giving any interim protection, the court has fixed September 26 for the next hearing on the application," said Anuj Kumar, District Government Counsel, Shahjahanpur.

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STUDY BY NGO ON STATUS OF WOMEN RELEASED

## Men can't decide for women, women have the power: RSS chief

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

# CPM, CPI face ethical questions over money from DMK for LS polls

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CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 24

WHILE THE decision to team up with the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu helped the CPI(M) and the CPI win two seats each in Lok Sabha polls, the two Left parties seem to be caught up in an embarrassing situation now, with reports that the Marxist party received Rs 10 crore and the CPI Rs 15 crore from the DMK, according to DMK's election expenditure affidavit submitted to the Election Commission (EC).

A senior CPI(M) leader with knowledge of the transactions during the election process said the party did nothing illegal, and the only question can be about ethics in receiving such a large amount from a party leading the alliance.

According to the DMK's affidavit, the party spent Rs 79.26 crore during the polls, including Rs 40 crore given to the three alliance partners: CPI, CPI(M) and Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi, which received Rs 15 crore.

Even though DMK and the Left parties ruled out any controversy, citing that these were legal transactions, made through bank transactions and available in public domain, it may be embarrassing for the two parties to explain to the cadre why they accepted such large amounts.

A DMK spokesperson said there was "nothing unusual or illegal", and there was no scope for controversy over an amount that was paid to an alliance partner for

expenses through a legal channel.

Both CPI(M) state secretary K Balakrishnan and CPI secretary R Mutharasan said that it was not a shady deal but a transparent one.

Responding to allegations that the party accepted money for elections, the CPI(M) Politburo in a statement said that the controversy surrounding the cash transaction is "disinformation designed to discredit the party".

"Contrary to the allegation, all donations and funds received during the period of Lok Sabha elections have been reflected in the statement of election accounts submitted to the Election Commission of India. This includes donations and contributions received from all over the country, including Tamil Nadu, the Politburo stated.

"Nothing is hidden, as falsely alleged," it emphasised.

Agreeing that it is "a fact that we have to explain this to our cadres", the CPI(M) leader quoted above said, "Traditionally we have met election expenses of our candidates on our own – by collecting money from people – but when we strike an alliance with a larger party, expenses for a single rally of their high-profile leader for our candidate's campaign will be around half of our total spending for the entire campaign. The amount we received through bank transactions were handed over to DMK local leaders in both constituencies for campaign expenses, including mega-rallies organised by them (DMK)."

The festival, which will be held from November 5 to November 8 in Kolkata, is specifically aimed at children. The theme for this year's event is RISEN – research, innovation and science empowering the nation.

"We have also incorporated a health research component to the festival this time. Just as we

Ram's birthplace.

Jilani was responding to Justice S A Bobde who asked, "You don't dispute Chabutra as the place of birth?"

The counsel replied, "Earlier we had. But the district judge said it was worshipped believing it to be the birthplace." His reference was to the 1885 decision rendered by the Faizabad judge dismissing a suit filed by Mahant Raghbir Das seeking permission to construct a temple over the Ram Chabutra.

The bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court ordering a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acres.

The bench also sought to know why *Ain-i-Akbari* – written in the 16th century, the period when the Babri Masjid was allegedly constructed – did not mention the mosque.

Jilani had sought to rely on the book to establish the claim that no temple was demolished in Ayodhya to construct the Babri Masjid. He said the late historian Jadunath Sarkar had said that *Ain-i-Akbari*, written by Akbar's court historian Abu'l-Fazl ibn Mubarak, had the minutest details.

"If there was any demolition of a temple in 1528 in



Ayodhya, it would not have missed the book," Jilani said.

Justice Bhushan told him that the Hindu side's contention was that it did not have all the details. Jilani replied that it only had the important details.

"Are you saying the mosque is not important?" asked Justice Bhushan. Jilani said, "It became important only now. Then (in 1528) it was just another mosque."

Intervening, Justice Bobde asked, "...If a mosque was built by an emperor, how can you say it is of no importance?" Jilani replied that it was not built by Babur in person but by his commandant Mir Baqi.

Justice Bobde said that if it was on the instructions of Babur, then it was important. Jilani contended that it was the case of the Hindu parties that it was built by Babur, to which Justice Bobde said "it could be wrong". Jilani said in that

case their suit must be dismissed, but Justice Bobde replied that a suit cannot be dismissed just because some part of it is wrong.

The Wakf Board counsel said that "since the entire case is based on faith, we have to ascertain whether it is borne out by the facts". Pointing to the *Ramcharitmanas* composed in 1574 and *Valmiki Ramayana*, he said these texts mention Ayodhya as the birthplace but do not specify any particular spot as the Janmasthan.

Justice Chandrachud also referred to a witness testimony about the place of birth being in Dashrath Palace and asked if such a palace exists. Justice Chandrachud pointed out that various spots identified as the birthplace were in "close proximity" to the disputed site.

Jilani, however, contended that there was "no witness from whom anything can be inferred about the exact place of birth".

Justice Chandrachud drew

# Wakf Board accepts Ram was born at Ram Chabutra

ANANTHAKRISHNAN  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE SUNNI Central Wakf Board on Tuesday accepted that Ram was born at the spot known as Ram Chabutra which is in the outer courtyard of the disputed site in Ayodhya, even as the Supreme Court questioned why the 16th-century *Ain-i-Akbari* was silent on an "important" mosque like the Babri Masjid.

Senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani, representing the Board, told a five-judge Constitution bench hearing the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case that it had accepted the Chabutra as the birthplace of Ram as the Faizabad district judge had held that the spot – 60-65 feet from the Babri Masjid, which was demolished in 1992 – was worshipped by Hindus as

the bench also sought to know why *Ain-i-Akbari* – written in the 16th century, the period when the Babri Masjid was allegedly constructed – did not mention the mosque.

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Burdwan blast case: NIA makes fresh seizures at JMB hideout

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ATOP member of the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, who was involved in the 2014 Burdwan blast case in West Bengal and arrested in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka in August 2018, has led the NIA to materials used for making IEDs at a house used as a hideout near the Electronic City in Bengaluru, the NIA said in a statement on Tuesday.

Jahidul Islam alias Kausar alias Muneeb Sheikh alias Shujanmiya, 38, is described as a "senior leader of the JMB" in a chargesheet filed by the NIA in the Burdwan blast case on March 27, 2015.

"Two cuboid shaped batteries wrapped with plastic tape and electrical wire, one capacitor, three switches, one micro lithium cell, a plastic transparent box containing black colour chemical wrapped in a white paper, hand gloves, identity cards, rent agreement of one of the hideouts and handwritten letters in Bengali language" were found, the NIA said. "A digital camera and silver articles looted during dacoities in Bengaluru in 2018 have also been seized by NIA on the basis of information provided by Jahidul Islam," the agency said.

Kausar also pointed out places along the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border where he along with his associate Habibur Rehman (28) and two others "test-fired three rocket shells prepared using a crude device during June-October 2017" and a spot where they hid the remnants, the NIA said.

In July, the NIA had raided the group's hideout in north Bengaluru and found five improvised hand grenades, three fabricated grenade caps, three IED circuits, one timer device, two rocket bents, a 9 mm pistol with live rounds, an air gun and other materials. According to the NIA, Kausar was a visitor to the house in Burdwan where the blast occurred in October 2014 and is a "senior trainer of terrorist camps organised by the JMB in India". He was tracked down to Karnataka last year after he established contact with an associate in Kerala.

Ravi Pujari's custody: Gujarat police contact Senegal

Ahmedabad: Gujarat Police have contacted the Republic of Senegal for deportation and custody of gangster Ravi Pujari, against whom at least 20 cases of extortion and making threat calls are pending in the state, a top police officer said on Tuesday.

Pujari, who had been on the run for the last 15 years, was arrested from a hotel in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, on January 22 this year.

Director General of Police (CID-Crime and Railways) Ashish Bhatia on Tuesday said the police contacted the Senegal government through the Union Home ministry for deportation and custody of Pujari.

According to officials, several businessmen had received extortion calls from Pujari, and several MLAs of Gujarat Congress, including state party chief Amit Chavda, had allegedly received threat calls from him, according to them.

Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani and Gujarat Cooperative Milk Federation (GCMF) Managing Director RSSodhi had also allegedly received threat calls from the gangster. PTI

## SC: Police don't have power to seize, attach immovable property during criminal probe

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday held that police do not have any power under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to seize, attach and seal any immovable property during investigation of a criminal case.

The top court said if a police officer is allowed to seize immovable property on mere suspicion of commission of an offence, it would mean giving a "drastic and extreme power" to dispossess the owner of the property on mere conjecture.

The reference is answered by holding that the power of a police officer under Section 102 of the Code to seize any property, which

### TOP COURT SEEKS REMEDY FROM GOVT

# Why should someone be able to troll me & spread lies, asks SC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

EXPRESS SERIOUS concern over trolling and the dangers of online technology abuse, the Supreme Court Tuesday directed the Ministry of Information Technology to file an affidavit within three weeks on how it plans to get social media platforms share information with law enforcement agencies without compromising privacy rights.

"The way this technology is going is dangerous. I was telling someone I want to give up my smartphone," Justice Deepak Gupta who, along with Justice Aniruddha Bose, was hearing Facebook's plea urging the bench to transfer it to itself four petitions pending in different High Courts, seeking linking of Aadhaar to social media accounts.

Referring to instances of online crime and trolling, Justice Gupta wondered why the law should not require the service provider to part with information on the originator of the message, if need be.

"Why should someone be able to troll me and spread lies?...Nowadays, people write anything and get away. There is no fear. Governments can protect themselves. But what is the remedy for an individual? An individual whose reputation gets tarnished... should be able to go to court and seek compensation," he said.

He said he had attempted to try and understand what the dark web was all about and realised how easy it was to buy an AK-47 online. "I learnt it within half an hour," he said.

Unimpressed by arguments that messages on some social

media platforms like WhatsApp are encrypted, Justice Gupta said "if there is technology to encrypt, then there must be some technology to decrypt too".

Appearing for Tamil Nadu (one of the petitions referred to in the Facebook transfer plea is pending before the Madras High Court), Attorney General K K Venugopal said social media platforms were trying to evade the hearing before the High Court.

Opposing the prayer for transfer, Venugopal said "these companies have no business to operate in India if they cannot co-operate with law enforcement agencies".

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, countered this: "Stop using it. Do not use WhatsApp".

He said "a highway in Spain is projected as a highway of India

by the Ministry of Highways".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, told the bench that the Ministry was already working on drawing up guidelines, but it was not possible to fix a time-frame for the process. He said the Centre was not opposed to the Madras High Court deciding the petition before it.

Mehta also expressed concern over fake clips fuelling hate crimes but agreed with the court on the need to balance privacy with public interest.

Justice Gupta underlined the need to balance the proposed guidelines with privacy needs.

"There have to be strict guidelines. But my privacy should also be protected. My personal information cannot be entirely disclosed just because some police commissioner asked for it."



### GUARD OF HONOUR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inspects the guard of honour during the Coast Guard Investiture Ceremony in Chennai on Tuesday. Speaking at the event, he cited the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and asked maritime agencies to maintain a constant vigil. He presented 61 medals to officers and personnel during the ceremony. PTI

## CBI, ED have not found any evidence of payment by INX: Chidambaram to HC

PRITAM PAL SINGH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RAJYA SABHA member and former Union minister P Chidambaram on Tuesday told the Delhi High Court that all officers involved in processing files relating to FIPB approval for INX Media are out, as they have done the "right thing", but the then Finance minister is in "jail".

It was in 2012 that the mystery was finally cracked, with scientists veering around to the NIV view that JE was just one part of the encephalitis mix in Gorakhpur.

The NIV study found that it was not just mosquitoes spreading JE, but that around a hundred of the 1,000 samples tested showed the presence of another pathogen, enterovirus.

"These viruses spread through contaminated water and cause symptoms similar to JE," the study said.

About why JE may be coming back, Dr Singh says there was one critical flaw in the vaccination programme.

The WHO norms prescribe a booster dose one to two years after the primary immunisation, which did not happen in Gorakhpur.

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By 2005, when a major outbreak killed more than 1,300 children, Dr Singh had left his post, seeking to "introspect on where we were going wrong".

In early 2006, he, along with families of JE victims, petitioned the government for a National Programme for Eradication of Encephalitis, and it agreed to a vaccination drive. By then, the National Institute of Virology (NIV) had also begun an extensive study on JE.

Regrettably, that was still not "demystified", Dr Singh talks about the time he was a doctor at BRD Hospital in the 1970s, when the first JE cases were seen in the region. "We had very little means of diagnosing the disease, except analysing the spinal fluid."

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# Saradha case: Rajeev Kumar claims CBI 'hounding' him

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

THE CALCUTTA High Court will hear former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar's anticipatory bail plea on Wednesday, in connection to the Saradha chit fund case. While requesting the court to hear Kumar's bail plea urgently, his counsel claimed that the CBI was "hounding" him.

Before a division bench, presided by Justice S Munshi, Kumar's counsel Debasish Roy submitted that "the CBI is hounding me (Kumar) like anything." On hearing this, Justice S Dasgupta said, "Go and surrender."

According to sources, Kumar was on leave till September 25. He has been evading summons ever since the Calcutta High Court vacated its order granting

protection to him from arrest in connection with the case.

Meanwhile, the CBI sleuths on Tuesday continued their search to track down Kumar. The officials raided at least five places in Kolkata and other districts in search of him.

The CBI claimed that Kumar was not cooperating with them in the probe and had been evading summons on frivolous grounds. "It has unnecessarily delayed the probe and is affecting the investigation," said an official associated with the investigation. Sources claimed CBI is now looking towards filing another chargesheet and may name Kumar in the same. He had been accused of tampering with crucial evidence related to the case.

Last week the CBI had sent letters to the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and the Deputy General of Police, but no one could share any details regarding the whereabouts of Kumar.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 24

PUTTING AN end to a 40-year-old practice, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday gave its approval to amend the law that exempted all the ministers, including the chief minister, from paying their income tax, which was borne by the government exchequer.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had earlier asked his ministers to start paying income tax from their own pockets from the coming financial year. A proposal in this regard was placed before the Cabinet, which was approved on Tuesday.

"...Woh parampara jo purani chal rahi thi, woh samapt ho gayi... Bhavishya mein sabhi log apna income tax bhi khud se pay karengi," (The old tradition, which was going on, has come to an end. In the future, everyone



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Tuesday. *Vishal Srivastav*

now will have to pay their own income tax," Power Minister and government spokesperson Srikant Sharma told mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting.

"State Cabinet chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath has decided the ministers will now pay their own taxes and recommended amend-

ment in Uttar Pradesh Ministers' Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Act, 1981... As the Assembly is not in session, it (amendment Bill) will be tabled in the House when it meets," Sharma said, adding that Rs 86.87 lakh was paid as income tax bill of the ministers by the state exchequer for the past financial year.

As per Uttar Pradesh Ministers' Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Act, 1981, the state government has been paying the income tax of the ministers from state exchequer since 1981. The section of the Act read, "The salary referred to in subsection (1) and (2) shall be exclusive of the tax payable in respect of such salary (including perquisites) under any law relating to income tax for the time being in force, and such tax shall be borne by the state".

The law was enacted during the government of VP Singh, which was then followed by successive governments in the state. It was argued in 1981 that the state government should bear the income tax burden as most ministers were from poor backgrounds and had meagre incomes, a Congress leader and a colleague of the then chief minister V P Singh said.

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## NEET IMPERSONATION CASE

# Absconding MBBS student moves Madras HC for bail

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CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 24

AN MBBS student, who is absconding along with his father after being booked in a case of alleged impersonation for admission in Theni Medical College, has moved an anticipatory bail plea in the Madras High Court, saying his arrest would make him a victim of media exaggeration.

The Madras HC on Tuesday observed that the charges were serious in nature and adjourned the case to October 1.

KV Udit Surya and his father V K Venkatesan, a senior government doctor in Chennai's Stanley Medical College, are absconding since September 17 after the Theni police booked Surya under IPC sections 419, 420 and 120 (B).

Surya allegedly hired a person to write the NEET 2019 exam and managed a seat in Theni Medical College. An inquiry in his college following an anonymous complaint last week found that it was not Surya who wrote the exam and that he did not attend the medical counselling either.

Investigators said they have searched Surya's house in Tondiarpet in Chennai last week but the family was missing.

Before the case was transferred to the CB-CID on Monday, Theni SP V Baskaran, who led the investigation, told The Indian Express that the role of both the son and father was being probed. "We have gone through their call records and bank transactions. They took money from the bank account a day before they disappeared. We have a tip off that the student who originally appeared for the NEET exam in the name of Surya was from Mumbai. We also found evidence of Dr

## MEGHALAYA

# Use polite manners to improve public service delivery: DC to officials

ABHISHEK SAHA  
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 24

A DEPUTY Commissioner in Meghalaya has put a note of observations to officials in his office on polite mannerisms which should be used to "improve the overall public service delivery".

In a note dated September 20, East Garo Hills DC Swapnil Tembe wrote, "While talking to people utmost care should be taken regarding the tone and texture of your voice. The same should not be offensive or rude in any manner whatsoever."

"It should be ensured that whatever needs to be communicated is done so in a polite manner. In case the public is reporting a grievance, patient hearing should be given and the

same should be resolved in an amicable manner."

Tembe wrote, "If it cannot be resolved at your level, please report the same to the branch of officer concerned... At the end we must all remember we are public servants."

According to the memo, it had come to the notice of Tembe that "various cases of rude behaviour and indifference are being reported by the public in general with respect to all branches in the DC office".

Tembe told The Indian Express that it was reported on many instances that officials were not following proper etiquette or not talking properly when responding to people. "I had advised officials multiple times but then decided it is better to put it on paper," he said.

## PRISONERS PARADE

# Rajasthan human rights panel seeks police clarification

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

THE RAJASTHAN State Human Rights Commission (RSHRC) on Tuesday sought a reply from the state police about an incident on Sunday in Alwar district, where 13 associates of a wanted gangster were paraded through a market in their undergarments by the police.

In its order, the RSHRC referred to media reports that 13 accused were paraded under heavy police protection.

RSHRC chairperson Prakash Chandra Taita, the former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, sought a reply from the DGP to clarify how "handcuffing and parading prisoners in a semi-nude state through public road doesn't amount to deprivation of the human rights of the prisoners".

The commission also wanted to know from the state government whether there is a separate punishment for crimes which result in propagating an environment of fear in the general public.

The 13 men were paraded amid heavy security on Sunday.

## e-Procurement Cell

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4	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	15.10.2019 at 11:00 AM		
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	17.10.2019 upto 11:30 AM		
6	Date/Time of opening of Bid	17.10.2019 at 12:00 PM		
7	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.		
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# Transfer of judges no solution for complaints against them: SC judge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

Justice D Y Chandrachud

TRANSFER OF judges is no solution for complaints against them, Supreme Court judge D Y Chandrachud said on Tuesday.

"There is nothing between impeachment and transfer. We need a system that is more nuanced than what we currently have to make judges accountable," Justice Chandrachud said.

The comments come days after former Madras High Court Chief Justice V K Tahirulamani, in an unprecedented move, resigned after the Supreme Court collegium transferred her to Meghalaya HC "in the interest of better administration of justice".

Speaking at the launch of the book 'How to Save a Constitutional Democracy' by Tom Ginsburg, professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, Justice Chandrachud said, "Independence of judiciary is not a concept to insulate it from accountability and rules of ethical behaviour but to protect it from wanton attacks against its institutional independence."

Cautioning against personal attacks on judges over their decisions, he said: "You need to trust your judges. We do need a more balanced process but the final outcome of that process cannot be questioned."

Senior advocate Aravind Datar, who also spoke during the discussion, said the judiciary is the bulwark of freedom and independence in the country. "In my experience, it is the judiciary that will save constitutional democracy," he said.

Datar cited the example of the United Kingdom Supreme Court's verdict that declared

## UP woman doctor found dead

**Lucknow:** The body of a 27-year-old junior doctor, who was a second-year MD student at the Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences in Saifai of Etawah district, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her room on the campus Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Vandana Shukla, daughter of senior BJP leader K K Shukla.

While no suicide note was found, the police suspect it is a suicide. The postmortem report of the woman, who is from Ghaziabad, confirmed ante-mortem hanging as the cause of death. Police are probing the matter. **ENS**

## Satara bypoll scheduled for October 21

**MANOJ MORE**  
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 24

THE ELECTION Commission Tuesday announced that bypoll to the Satara Lok Sabha seat will be held on October 21 along with the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

On Saturday, when the EC had announced the election schedule for Assembly polls, it had skipped Satara bypoll, without citing a reason. The decision to hold the bypoll

was taken after the Bombay High Court decided on an election petition on the Satara Lok Sabha elections. The order reached the EC on Monday.

The Satara seat was being held by Udayanraje Bholase, who had recently quit the NCP to join BJP. Soon after the EC announced the schedule for the state polls but not the bypoll last Saturday, Bholase had met Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

With the Satara seat be-

ing with Shiv Sena as per its reported seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP, BJP spokesperson Keshav Upadhyay said the matter is being discussed between the two allies. Sena leader Sanjay Raut said, "It will be sorted out... let's see what we get in return in lieu of the Satara seat."

Meanwhile, NCP is likely to field Srinivas Patil, a former MP, from the seat. Party leaders said they are also looking at the option of

fielding Patil's son.

Bholase, while speaking about NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday, said, "If Sharad Pawar contests from Satara, I will not." He then joked, "The only condition is that Pawarsaheb should lend his Delhi bungalow and his vehicle to me..."

"Yesterday (Pawar) I respected him, even today I respect and in future, too, I will respect him... He is a like a father figure to me," he added.

## Rajasthan bypoll: Cong faces uphill task after LS drubbing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

WITH BYPOLLS scheduled in two Assembly constituencies in Rajasthan next month, both the Congress and BJP are hoping to secure wins in the constituencies with a handsome margin.

The ruling Congress is hoping to win the by-elections to put behind its loss in the Lok Sabha polls, where it lost all 25 parliamentary seats in the state to the BJP and its allies.

However, the party faces an uphill task as it had lost in two constituencies — Khinwarsar in Nagaur district and Mandawa in Jhunjhunu district — in the Assembly polls in December last year. The toughest task for the Congress will be to win the

Khinwarsar Assembly constituency, which is a stronghold of Rashtriya Loktantrik Party chief Hanuman Beniwal, who won the seat thrice in Assembly polls held since 2008.

The seat was vacated after Beniwal allied with the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections and became the MP from Nagaur.

"It is a very tough task for the Congress to win Khinwarsar because of the support that Beniwal has there. Some of the potential candidates who are being considered to be fielded are Savai Singh Choudhary and former minister Harendra Mirdha," said a senior Congress leader on condition of anonymity.

Choudhary had contested from the seat, which has a majority of Jat voters, in December and was defeated by Beniwal by a

# 4 days after extension, MHA terminates officer's services

Joint Secretary R K Mitra is looking after NFFU grant to CAPF officers

DEEPTIMANI TIWARY  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

IN AN unusual move, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has terminated the services of a joint secretary four days after granting him an extension of one-and-a-half years.

An MHA order issued on Monday stated that services of R K Mitra, Joint Secretary, Police II division of MHA, were being restricted to September 30.

A Central Secretariat Service officer, Mitra had retired last year but was given an extension by the government till September 30 this year. His wife, Srirupa Mitra Chowdhury, had unsuc-

cessfully contested the Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket from South Malda in West Bengal.

Mitra is also looking after the issue of grant of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) to officers of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). The issue has been a matter of concern for the MHA, as the date set by the Supreme Court is only a week away and the tussle between IPS and CAPF officers has delayed the process to a point where the ministry is exposed to possible contempt. On September 19, Mitra was given an extension of one-and-a-half years, which was revoked on September 23.

"This ministry's order of even number dated 19.09.2019 re-

garding extension of engagement of engagement of Dr R K Mitra as advisor in the Ministry of Home Affairs stands withdrawn. Accordingly the period of engagement of Dr R K Mitra... will cease to exist on 30.09.2.19," the MHA order stated.

When contacted over phone, Mitra said, "I am at the airport. Please do not disturb me."

During the Lok Sabha polls, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, without naming Mitra, had alleged that the officer was influencing deployment of central forces in Bengal to help the BJP.

Banerjee had alleged, "Day before yesterday, a woman has

been nominated by BJP in Malda South seat. I do not want to name her. Her husband is also a retired officer. He is monitoring deployment of all central forces sitting in the Home Ministry. He is briefing the forces about favouring the BJP and working against the TMC..."

A similar instance had taken

place under the previous NDA government — then National Investigation Agency I-G, Sanjeev Singh, was given an extension of a year for Central deputation and was subsequently repatriated to his parent cadre. Singh had headed investigations into terror cases allegedly involving members of Hindutva outfits.

**Gujarat scraps 'no-detention' policy for classes 5 and 8**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24Devendra Fadnavis at an event related to the Shivaji Memorial project. *File*

accountant had warned that cost reduction through negotiation may result in substandard work and any reduction in scope of work may impact the project adversely.

NCP chief spokesperson Navab Mallick further alleged that the BJP used Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's descendants along with their followers have all come to the BJP, which has badly hurt the Congress-NCP, which could not honour Shivaji. Now, when they see the BJP government working on the Shivaji Memorial, it is causing heartburn," he added.

tors' bills," asked Mallick, adding that an expense of Rs 80 crore has been shown as spent on the project.

The project is being executed by the Public Works Department, which is led by senior cabinet minister and BJP president Chandrakant Patil. Responding to the opposition's allegations, Patil said, "The charges levelled by the Congress-NCP spokespersons are hollow and baseless. The opposition for 15 years could

not take the project even one step ahead. They know their failure. This nitpicking is an outcome of their frustration and disappointment for failing to do anything for the Shivaji Memorial."

Patil further said that the allegations that the government has sanctioned funds for the project without laying a single brick are absolutely wrong.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's descendants along with their followers have all come to the BJP, which has badly hurt the Congress-NCP, which could not honour Shivaji. Now, when they see the BJP government working on the Shivaji Memorial, it is causing heartburn," he added.

In accordance with the Centre's recent amendment to the RTE Act 2009 regarding the no-detention policy, the students of Classes 5 and 8 will have to appear for annual exams and repeat the course if they fail twice, the minister said.

"Due to the no-detention policy, quality of education was badly affected, about which teachers, students and parents were concerned," Chudasama said.

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# I-T attaches Rs 230 cr worth 'benami' assets of Mayawati's ex-secy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

Net Ram

THE INCOME-TAX department has attached "benami" assets worth Rs 230 crore of retired IAS officer Net Ram, who had served as secretary to former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati, official sources said on Tuesday.

They said a total of 19 immoveable properties spread across Delhi, Noida, Kolkata and Mumbai have been attached by the department.

A provisional order of attachment against Net Ram was issued last week by the Delhi investigation unit of the department under Section 24(3) of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988, which had been lying inoperative since 1988 and was enforced from November, 2016 by the Modi government.

Benami properties are those in which the real beneficiary is not the one in whose name the property has been purchased.

Violators of this law attract a rigorous imprisonment of up to seven years and fine of up to 25 per cent of the fair market value of the property.

The act allows for prosecution of the beneficial owner, the 'benamidar', abettor and the inductor.

It says that the assets that are held benami after final prosecution are liable for confiscation by the government without payment of compensation.

Net Ram was secretary to then Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati during 2002-03, her third stint in power in the state.

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**I, Neelam** Dixit, W/o-Sumit Kumar, D/o-Anil Kumar Dixit R/o-H.no.2802, Gali No.69-B, Block, Sant Nagar, Burari Delhi, have changed to my name Neelam Sharma for all purposes. 0040513678-2

**I, Manoj** Kumar Singh, R/o-258/12, Amritpuri-B, Garhi, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, have changed my minor son's name from Aniket Singh to Surya Pratap Singh for all future purposes. 0040513692-6

**I, Kalicharan** S/o Jai Shankar Kushwaha R/o-House Number-136, Gali Number-2, Ranholi Vihar, Nangli, New Delhi-110041, changed my name to Kalicharan Kushwaha. 0040513644-1

**I, Abhay** Tiwari, S/o-Ramdhari Tiwari, R/o-H.no.49-A, Block, Amar Jyoti, Colony, Sec-17, Rohini, Delhi-89, have informed that Abhay Kumar Tiwari and Abhay Tiwari both are name, of one and the same person. 0040513692-1

**I, Vinita** Bedi W/o Neeraj Bedi, H.no.226, First Floor Sec-28, Faridabad Haryana-121003, have changed My Name To Alka Bedi. 0040513652-5

**I, Vineet** Govit S/o Vinod Govit R/o-A-201, Gardenia Greens, Sector-18, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, have changed my name from Vinod Govit to Vineet Govit for all future purposes. 0040513690-1

**I, Vikas** S/o, Rajender Kumar Sharma R/o-266-D, Pocket-F Dilshad Garden Delhi-95 have changed my name to Vikas Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0040513671-1

**I, Vijay** Pal S/o-Jai Chand R/o-Flat-No.167, GH-14, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name Vijay pal shokeen in future for all purpose. 0040513692-8

**I, Varun** Narain Seth R/o-6-A, Jantar Mantar-Road, New Delhi-110001, have changed my minor son's name, from Yadur Seth to Yadur Narain Seth, permanently. 0040513644-6

**I, Tanya** Singhania D/o Rakesh Kumar Singhania and W/o Saurabh Paul R/o House No-49/6, New Upkar Nagar-1, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Tanya Paul in my Marriage Certificate. The actual name of mine is Tanya Singhania. 0070675710-1

**I, Vishal** Kumar S/o Puran Jain R/o-E-226 Astha Vihar Prem Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, have changed my name to Vishal Jain for all purposes. 0040513665-1

**I, Suvra** Nag W/o Tushar Kanti Das R/o L2/26A, LIG DDA Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Subhra Das for all future purposes. 0040513604-1

**I, Sunil** Aggarwal S/o Sh. Deo Narayan Dokania R/o H.158, Rajendra Park Ext. Nangli, Delhi-41 inform that Sunil Dokania, Sunil Kumar & Sunil Aggarwal is one and same person. 0040513625-1

**I, Subodh** Kumar Bhatt S/o Harsh Mani Bhatt R/o L304 (birb) niho, Scottish Garden, Anhinsa Khand-2, Indrapuram Ghaziabad UP-201014, have changed my name to Subodh Bhatt. 0040513616-1

**I, Sopangi** Kuresh S/o Sopangi Laxman Rao R/o 44A, Basant Gaon, 4th Floor, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, have changed my name to S Kuresh Rao for all purposes. 0040513683-1

**I, Sheela** Devi Kalra W/o Late Om Prakash Kalra R/o C-54/56, Gali No.3, Ganesh Nagar-II, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Sheela Devi to Sheela Devi Kalra for all future purposes. 0040513640-1

**I, Shamshad** Hasan Kazmi R/o S-17/18-A, Jagabai Extension, Okhla, Delhi have changed my name to Shamshad Husain Kazmi for all purposes. 0040513230-2

**I, Shabina** alias Shabeena Akhlaq Usmani R/o-786, Usmani Manzil, Delhi Gate, Kajiyon Ki Pol, Didwana, Dist. Nagaur, Rajasthan-341303, have changed my name to Shabina Akhlaq Usmani for all purpose. 0040513647-6

**I, Sarika** Aggarwal W/o Sunil Aggarwal R/o H.no.158, Rajendra Park Ext. Nangli, Delhi-41 inform that Sarika Aggarwal, Sarika & Sarika Bagaria is one and same person/lady. 0040513625-2

**I, Santosh** Kumar W/o Shri Ashok Kumar Goyal R/o H.no.49-50, Upper Ground floor, Pocket-5, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Santosh Goyal. 0040513699-4

**I, Sangita** Bali D/o Prem Sagar Bali, R/o-WZ-78, Hari Singh Park, Near-Multan-Nagar, ND-56, have changed my name to Mohini, for all purposes. 0040513673-10

**I, Samuel** Vinay Rao, Son of Late K.S.V. Sanjeeva Rao, residing in J-24/4, Ground Floor, DLF Phase-II, Gurugram, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Sam Vinay Rao permanently, w.e.f. 1st January, 2012. 0040513630-1

**I, Salma** Pervaen W/o Shabbir Khan R/o-S-7/8 Nafees-Road Jogabai-Extension Jamia-Nagar Okhla New Delhi-110025. Have Changed My Name To Salma Parveen. 040513644-10

**I, Sagar** S/o Tekram R/o/Village-Ladpara, Post- Mayacha, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar for all future purposes. 0040513678-1

**I, Ritu** Bajaj W/o Anil Bajaj R/o 413, Nilgiri Apartments, Alaknanda, new delhi-110019 aged about 56 years declare that Ritu Bajaj and Ritu Khosla both are the same person. 0020393627-1

**I, Ravish** S/o Late sh.Lala Ram r/o.H.No.16, street no.1, Tahir Pur-Village, east-delhi, Delhi-110095, inform that Ravish and Ravish Kumar Pal are both names of mine and same person. 0040513699-3

**I, Ravi**nder Sharma S/o Janki Raj R/o-A-188, Gali No. 10, Road No. 04, Mahipalpur Ext., South West Delhi, New Delhi-110037, have changed my name from Ravinder Kumar to Ravinder Sharma for all future purposes. 0040513513-1

**I, Ramesh** Kumar S/o Ram Niwas Jangir R/o Village-Shri Dhanikhatiyan, Post-Barau, Teh-Khetri, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan-333026, have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Jangir. Also inform that my Mother and Wife name wrongly mentioned in my passport as Rukmani Devi and Babita Devi. Correct name is Rukmani Devi and Babita Devi respectively. 040513613-1

**I, Raj** singh w/o Dheer singh R/o Putthi ibrahimpur ramraj Muzaffarnagar, have changed my name to Rajrani Singh. 0040513647-3

**I, Raj** kumar aggarwal R/o-Gh-14/485, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87, have changed my son name Niyukat Garg to Niyukat agarwal in future for all purpose. 0040513692-9

**I, Raj** Gopal S/o Prem Chand R/o-3 Block-1, Ind-floor Spring field colony, Sector-31, Faridabad, have Changed my Name to Raj Gopal Sharma. 0040513594-1

**I, R.Mukundan**, S/O Sh.K.R.Rajagopalan R/o-0/7A/67, 1st-Floor, W.E.A, Karolbagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed My Minor Daughter's Name From M.Shreya To Shreya Mukunthan, For All Future Purposes. 0040513673-7

**I, Prem** Late W/o Mr. Naveen Chopra R/o-B-291,Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name to Seema Chopra for all future purposes. 0040513692-7

**I, Preeti** Gool W/o Parveen Garg R/o G-20/50-51, Top Floor, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed My Name To Priti Garg 0040513647-1

**I, Poonam** Dalip Gaba W/o Gaurav Lalwani R/o: DG-2/220A, VIkasPuri, New Delhi-18 Have Changed My Name to Poonam Lalwani. 0040513647-5

**I, Pooja** Varma w/o Varun Narain Seth R/o-6-A, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Pooja Seth, permanently 0040513625-1

**I, Tanya** Singhania D/o Rakesh Kumar Singhania and W/o Saurabh Paul R/o House No-49/6, New Upkar Nagar-1, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Tanya Paul in my Marriage Certificate. The actual name of mine is Tanya Singhania. 0070675710-1

**I, Vishal** Kumar S/o Puran Jain R/o-E-226 Astha Vihar Prem Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, have changed my name to Vishal Jain for all purposes. 0040513665-1

**I, Suvra** Nag W/o Tushar Kanti Das R/o L2/26A, LIG DDA Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Subhra Das for all future purposes. 0040513604-1

**I, Piyush** Kumar Parshuram Uniyal Alias Piyush Kumar Uniyal S/o-Parshuram Uniyal R/o-OC-708, Superitech-Rameshwar Orchids, H-1 Kaushambi Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to Piyush Uniyal. 0040513644-9

**I, Pinki** D/o-Ram Babu Singh Tomer R/o-H.NO-450/9, New Baselwa Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, Have Changed My Name To Pinki Tomer For All Future Purposes. 0040513692-10

**I, Nitin** Tayal S/o Nareesh Tayal R/o 1876, 2nd Floor, Multani Mohalla, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, that name of mine and my father have been wrongly written as Nitin Goel and Nareesh Kumar Goel respectively in my Passport, Driving License and School Records. The actual name of mine and my father is Nitin Tayal and Nareesh Tayal respectively. 0070675693-1

**I, Neeraj** Nagpal & Neeraj Kumar Nagpal S/o VInod Kumar Nagpal R/o 159, Sector 4, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Neeraj Nagpal for all purposes. 0040513599-1

**I, Naaz** Begum, W/o Salim Khan R/o 183-A, Street No.7, Zakir Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, I have change my name Naaz Khan to Naaz Begum for all future purposes. 0040513611-1

**I, Mrs.Nasrin** Parveen, W/O Mr.Shakeel Akhtar R/o-48A, 4th-Floor, Flat No.402, Gali No.22, Zakir-Nagar, New-Friends-Colony, New-Delhi-110025, have Changed My Name Nasrin Parveen To Nasrin Parveen For All Future Purposes. 0040513673-8

**I, Naaz** Begum, W/o Salim Khan R/o 183-A, Street No.7, Zakir Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, I have change my name Naaz Khan to Naaz Begum for all future purposes. 0040513611-1

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**I, Salma** Pervaen W/O Shabbir Khan R/o-S-7/8 Nafees-Road Subroto Park, New Delhi-110010 have changed my name from Malti to Malti Sishodia, vide affidavit dated 21/09/2019 before NCT, Delhi 0040513644-10

**I, T, Muz**ahid S/o Tmtz Izzat Ahmad R/O-F-50, Muradi-Road, Batla-House, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025, changed my name to Izzat Ahmad Siddiqui. 0040513675-3

**I, Amaan** Siddiqui S/o Izzat Ahmad Siddiqui, R/O-F-50, Muradi Road, Batla House, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025, changed my name to MOHD Amaan Ahmad. 0040513673-4

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## FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

## ARTICLE 35, UN CHARTER: HOW INDIA TOOK UP PAK INVASION OF J&amp;K



Home Minister Amit Shah in Mumbai on Sunday. He referred to the manner in which India had taken up Pakistan's 1947 invasion of J&amp;K with UN. PTI

IN MUMBAI on Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah held India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru responsible for the existence of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as he had "declared an untimely ceasefire" to the hostilities after Pakistan had invaded Kashmir in October 1947. He said that had Nehru taken the matter to the United Nations under Article 51 of the UN Charter, instead of Article 35, the outcome would have been different.

## The ceasefire

The ceasefire was brokered by a United Nations Mission. According to UN records, on January 1, 1948, the Government of India reported to the Security Council "details of a situation existing between India and Pakistan owing to the aid which invaders, consisting of nationals of Pakistan and tribesmen from the territory immediately adjoining Pakistan on the north-west, were drawing from Pakistan for operations against Jammu and Kashmir". Pointing out that J&K had acceded to India, the "Government of India considered the giving of this assistance by Pakistan to be an act of aggression against India... The Government of India, being anxious to proceed according to the principles and aims of the Charter, brought the situation to the attention of the Security Council under Article 35 of the Charter."

Pakistan denied this on January 15, 1948, and said India's complaint under Article 35 contained a threat of direct attack against it. Under the same article, Pakistan brought to the Security Council's attention "a situation existing between India and Pakistan which had already given rise to disputes tending to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security" and accused India of a "genocide of Muslims", "failure to implement agreements between the two countries", "unlawful occupation of Junagadh" and "India's actions in Jammu & Kashmir".

## Article 35

Articles 33-38 occur in Chapter 6 titled "Pacific Settlement of Disputes". These six Articles lay out that if the parties to a dispute that has the potential for endangering international peace and security are not able to resolve the matter

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## Article 51

This Article occurs in Chapter 7 titled "Action With Respect to Threats to the Peace, Breaches of the Peace, and Acts of Aggression". The chapter assumes that the Security Council is already seized of the situation.

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## The outcome

The decision to set up a United Nations Mission was taken on January 20. The UN invoked Article 34 to mandate the mission to investigate facts of the situation, and to exercise any "mediatory influence...likely to smooth away difficulties".

The title of the agenda before the Security Council was also changed from the "Jammu & Kashmir question" to the India-Pakistan question. The five-member Mission, which had members nominated by India and Pakistan, and three others, eventually brokered the cessation of hostilities from January 1, 1949, and the establishment of a ceasefire line on July 27, 1949, which left Pakistan with the areas of Jammu & Kashmir that were under its control on that day. It was this ceasefire line that came to be termed the Line of Control in the Simla Agreement of 1972.

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course it did" — and that the action was, therefore, unlawful. The prorogation "prevented Parliament from carrying out its constitutional role for five out of a possible eight weeks... It is impossible for us to conclude... that there was any reason — let alone a good reason — to advise Her Majesty to prorogue Parliament... from 9th or 12th September until 14th October... It follows that the decision was unlawful."

As of now, UK's Parliament is not suspended at all

The summary said: "This court has already concluded that the Prime Minister's advice to Her Majesty was unlawful, void and of no effect. This means that the order in council to which it led was also unlawful, void and of no effect and should be quashed. This means that when the royal commissioners walked into the House of Lords it was as if they walked in with a blank sheet of paper. The prorogation was also void and of no effect. Parliament has not been prorogued."



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## SIMPLY PUT

## Being Greta Thunberg

At 16, the schoolgirl, who has berated world leaders at UN climate conference, is the most recognised face of climate activism. What are the events leading to her cult following? Can her campaign have an impact?

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 24

FOR GRETA Thunberg, 16, it has taken just one year to traverse the distance from being a regular ninth-standard student in Stockholm to becoming the most recognised face of climate change activism who can give world leaders a dressing-down at a United Nations summit. Along the way to her widely publicised speech at the UN climate conference on Monday, she has found a cult following, mingled with heads of states, given a TED talk, sailed across the Atlantic to spread climate awareness, been interviewed by countless media organisations, and has a detailed Wikipedia page. Earlier this year, she has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

## The background

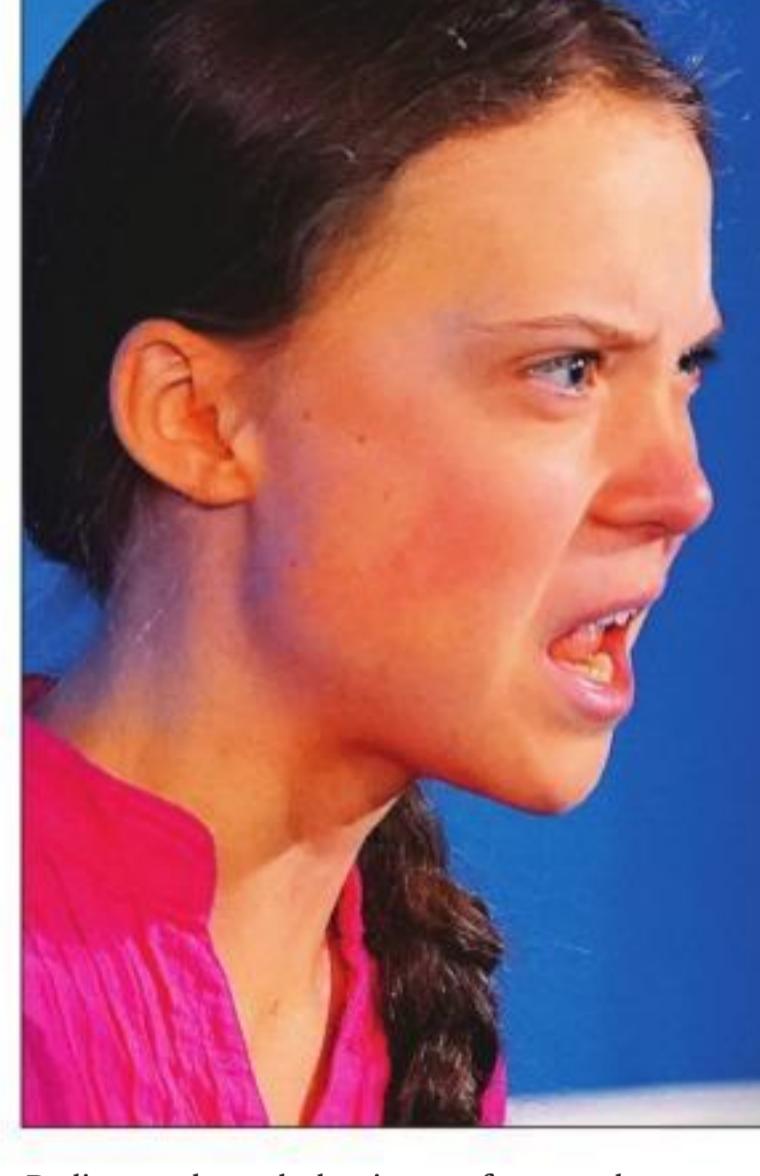
Born to an actor father and a singer mother, Thunberg, then 15, shot to fame in August last year, when she sat against the outer wall of the main building of Swedish Parliament. She carried a sign that read "School strike for the climate" in Swedish. She herself had decided to skip school to demand from her country's lawmakers more concrete and urgent action on climate change. For a child her age in Sweden, attending school is compulsory. She was, in effect, breaking the law by not attending.

By her own account, Thunberg first heard of the climate change problem when she was eight years old, and wondered why no one was doing anything about it, or why fossil fuels were not being made illegal. Then in May 2018, she won an essay competition on climate change organised by a Swedish newspaper.

Her essay was published, after which a few climate activists contacted her. One of them suggested to her the idea of a school strike.

"I like the idea of a school strike. So I developed that idea and tried to get the other young people to join me, but no one was really interested. So I want on planning the school strike all by myself," she wrote in a Facebook post in February this year.

Her strike and protest outside Swedish



Parliament brought her instant fame, and a following on the Internet. She became a favourite of the well-networked climate change NGOs, and became the centre of massive campaigns in the run-up to last year's climate change conference in Poland, where she was given the opportunity to address one of the plenaries.

## Her message

Thunberg is not saying anything that the world doesn't know of, or has not been said earlier. In fact, she sounds rhetorical in her well-choreographed speeches. But her young age, and the fact that she represents the generation that is likely to experience the worst impacts of climate change, is seen as bringing a moral force to the argument. She presents a stern face, and talks with the seriousness of someone who is helplessly wit-

nessing her future getting ruined.

"If the emissions have to stop, then we must stop the emissions. To me, that is black or white. There are no grey areas when it comes to survival," she said in her TED talk.

In her February Facebook post, she explains why. "When I say that the climate crisis is a black and white issue, (or) we need to stop the emissions of greenhouse gases, and (that) I want you to panic. I only say because it's true. Yes, the climate crisis is the most complex issue that we have ever faced, and it's going to take everything from our part to stop it. But the solution is black and white. We need to stop the emissions of greenhouse gases".

## The impact

With her massive following, and support from NGOs and the scientific community, Thunberg has managed to create awareness

about the issue, especially among the young. Her school strike campaign is now held across the world, with students skipping schools for a few days in protest against inaction on climate.

"Why should I be studying for a future that soon would be no more, when no one is doing anything whatsoever to save that future. And what is the point of learning facts in the school system when the most important facts given by the finest science of the same school system clearly means nothing for our politicians and society," she said in her TED talk.

However, it is debatable whether her campaign has brought any change in policy, or forced any country to announce additional climate action. International decision-making is governed by realpolitik and not by moral force or calls to conscience.

## Warning signs: warmest ever, emission highs

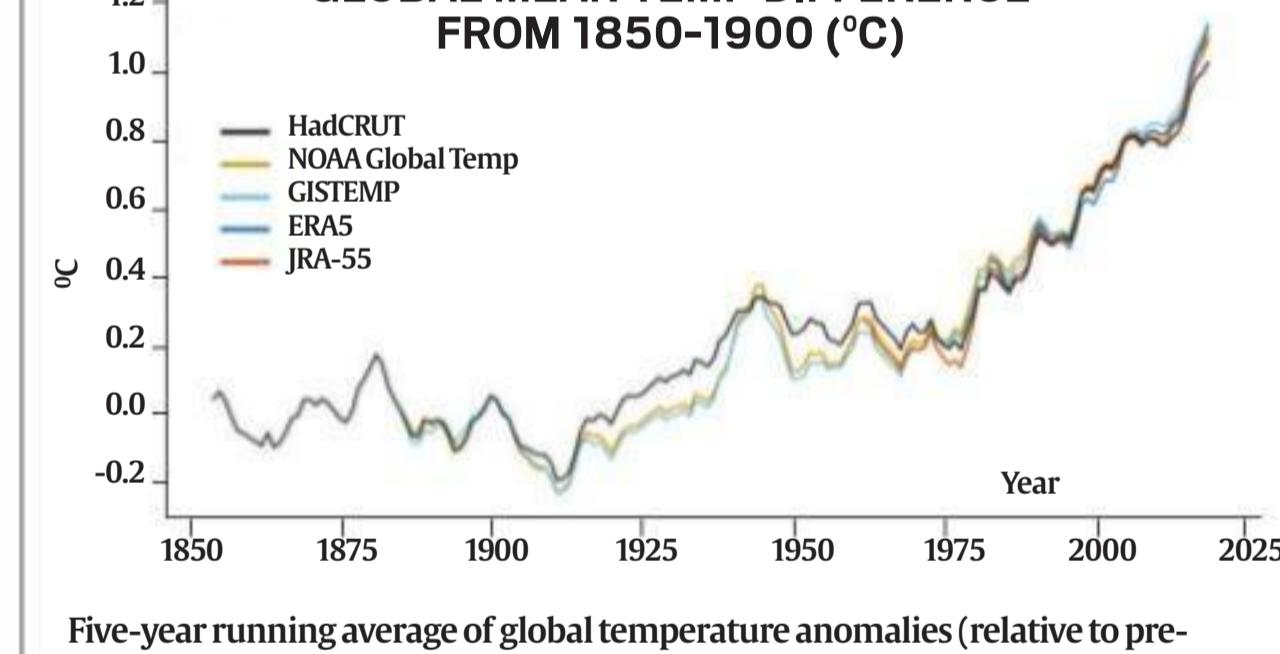
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BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 24

THE AVERAGE global temperature for 2015-2019 is on track to be the warmest of any equivalent period on record, and July 2019 was the hottest month on record globally, a report released ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in New York has found. The warmest five-year trend has especially affected large areas of the United States, including Alaska, eastern parts of South America, most of Europe and the Middle East, northern Eurasia, Australia and areas of Africa south of the Sahara.

The report 'United in Science' is a synthesis prepared by the Science Advisory Group of the summit. It has also found that greenhouse gases have reached "new highs", heatwaves were the "deadliest" meteorological hazard in this period, and tropical cyclones led to the largest economic losses. Among its key findings:

**GLOBAL TEMPERATURE:** The average global temperature for 2015-19 is currently estimated to be 1.1°C above pre-industrial (1850-1900) times, the report said. Widespread and long-lasting heatwaves, record-breaking fires and other devastating events such as tropical cyclones, floods and drought have had major impacts on socio-economic development and the environment.

**GREENHOUSE GASES:** Levels of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide have



Five-year running average of global temperature anomalies (relative to pre-industrial) from 1854 to 2019 for five data sets. (Data for 2019 to June)

Source: Met Office, UK, via WTO

reached new highs. The last time Earth's atmosphere contained 400 parts per million carbon dioxide was about 3-5 million years ago. In 2018, the report said, global carbon dioxide concentration was 407.8 parts per million (ppm), 2.2 ppm higher than 2017. Preliminary data from a subset of monitoring sites for 2019 indicate that carbon dioxide concentrations are on track to reach or even exceed 410 ppm by the end of 2019.

In 2017, globally averaged atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide were 405.6 ppm, methane at 1859 parts per billion (ppb)

and nitrous oxide at 329.9 ppb. These values constitute, respectively, 146%, 257% and 122% of pre-industrial levels (pre-1750). The growth rate of carbon dioxide averaged over three consecutive decades (1985-1995, 1995-2005 and 2005-2015) increased from 1.42 ppm/yr to 1.86 ppm/yr and to 2.06 ppm/yr.

However, the report notes that emissions from the US and the European Union have declined over the past decade, while growth in China's emissions have slowed significantly compared to the 2000s. Indian emissions are the fourth highest and are "growing

strongly at annual rates in excess of 5%, albeit starting from a much lower base of per capita emissions."

**HEATWAVES:** The report notes that heatwaves affected all continents and set many new national temperature records. It also mentions the heatwave that struck the sub-continent in mid-2015 where 2,248 deaths were reported in India, and 1,229 in Pakistan. "The 2019 summer saw unprecedented wildfires in the Arctic region with 50 megatonnes of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere in June alone," the report says.

**PRECIPITATION:** The effects of climate change were also seen on precipitation levels in the 2015-2019 period when compared to the five years preceding that. The average precipitation totals were higher in the latter period than in the former in large regions in southern South and North America, eastern Europe and most of Asia. "In contrast, less precipitation fell in large parts of Europe, southwest and southern Africa, northern North America and a large part of South America, the Indian Monsoon region, and northern and western Australia," the report states.

**SEACE:** Arctic summer sea-ice extent has declined at a rate of approximately 12% per decade during 1979-2018, the report said. The four lowest values for winter sea-ice extent occurred between 2015 and 2019. Overall, the amount of ice lost annually from the Antarctic ice sheet increased at least six-fold between 1979 and 2017. Glacier mass loss for 2015-2019 is the highest for any five-year period on record.

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Parliament can, in fact, reconvene immediately" "As Parliament is not prorogued", the court said, "it is for Parliament to decide what to do next". Also, because it is not prorogued, it need not be recalled; and it has not voted to adjourn or go into recess. Therefore, the court said in its full judgment, "Unless there is some Parliamentary rule to the contrary of which we are unaware, the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Speaker can take immediate steps to enable each House to meet as soon as possible to decide upon a way forward." Soon afterward, Speaker John Bercow said the House of Commons would sit at 11.30 am on Wednesday. Speaking in New York, Johnson said that he would "obviously" respect the verdict, and "of course Parliament will come back" — but "I have to say that I strongly disagree with what the Justices have found."



# Wasting an opportunity

Some municipal authorities, civic-minded citizens are trying to encourage segregation of waste. But there is a disturbing pushback against this effort



CITIES AT CROSSROADS  
BY ISHER JUDGE  
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THE FIRST RULE of waste management all over the world is that households must keep their wastes separate before it is collected from the doorstep. The Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in our country prescribe the same. If we do not mix wet waste with dry waste, the burden of solid waste management on our municipalities reduces significantly. The wet waste can be composted locally; the dry recyclable waste can go for recycling and what remains can be safely disposed. Our cities will then be really cleaned up as opposed to just be made to look clean.

Some municipal authorities and civic-minded individuals (mostly women) are inculcating good habits among city dwellers of not mixing waste. But there is a disturbing pushback to this campaign from three forces which are implicitly misguiding people that there are "smart" ways of handling mixed waste, which make segregation unnecessary.

First, the good news. Tamil Nadu has achieved 100 per cent segregation in 20 of its 50 smaller municipalities, and 80 to 90 per cent in the rest. However, the capital city of Chennai is lagging, segregating only 50 per cent of its waste. Waste collection is organised daily for wet waste and once a week for dry waste. This is extremely important because the unmixed transportation and processing of wet and dry waste encourages citizens to keep their waste unmixed too. Wet waste, which is more than half the total waste, is used for composting or biomethanation in a decentralised manner. It reduces, at one stroke, the need for long-distance transportation of waste by half.

In Bengaluru, citizens have taken up the cause themselves. Shanthi Tummala and her team of waste warriors have achieved about 90 per cent segregation in the HSR Layout ward, which has 30,000 households. They have an awareness-building programme and also a strict penalty of Rs 500 when mixed waste is handed out. The ward now houses India's first compost learning centre where different models of home and lane composting are showcased, and residents can come for training. The Purva Venezia apartment complex with about 1,300 households has been segregating their waste 100 per cent for the last seven years and produces compost of excellent quality. This is being used by farmers to improve their yields.

There are fledgling efforts even in South Delhi to persuade people to keep their wastes unmixed. Bhavreen Kandhari, a homemaker and an environmental activist, together with a few like-minded residents of Defence Colony, are hard at work building awareness for keeping wet waste separate. They are working with South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) to gain access to bio-composters in the colony. Charu Gupta, a homemaker and Priti Wadhwa, a chartered accountant by profession, of Greater Kailash I, have got together to persuade residents of areas in and around the colony to keep their waste unmixed. They have tied up with Pick My Trash, a joint initiative of the NGO Chintan and Safai Sena (a registered group of waste collectors) for recyclables to be picked up from the locality and transported to a material re-



CR Sasikumar

covery facility at regular intervals. More households are coming forth, slowly but surely, to segregate their waste at source and participate in this effort. It is heartening to see homemakers becoming community makers. SDMC itself has decided to experiment. In Punjabi Bagh, they have set up a composting plant (1 TPD) and a biomethanation plant (5 TPD), which would require segregating wet waste from dry waste.

The pushback comes, first, from seemingly superior technology, which is actually retrograde. Earlier in these columns, we talked of the perils of waste-to-energy plants which rely on the incineration of mixed waste ('Toxic plants', IE, January 30). Such plants in India have been either non-starters or highly polluting failures. Even so, several cities are promoting incineration of mixed waste. Each state would be well advised to set up a high-level technical committee, with environmental experts, to lay down a policy on this issue.

Two additional factors which push the system away from segregating wastes have to do with waste management practices. The practice of entering into waste transport contracts with private parties in which payment for waste transportation is made on a tonnage basis provides an incentive to maximise the weight of waste any which way. They add wet waste, at times malba, and also get their doorstep waste collection staff to mix whatever is given to them separately.

The rapidly growing use of compactors is the other villain. Compactors are expensive machines that squeeze and compress the volume of waste. Whether installed at the dhalao or in the mobile truck, they enable more waste to be carried per trip and, thus, reduce transportation costs. Kolkata Municipal Corporation was the first in 2012 to use compactors at dhalaos. A national daily announced this as "The city took a step ahead towards becoming a vat-free metropolis". Vat in this context is not a tax but a dustbin in a public space. The central message was that garbage was now going to be out of sight, and there will be no stench and vector-borne diseases in the vicinity. There has been a rapid increase in the purchase of compactors in many cities, including Delhi. Lucknow has purchased 20 compactors, and Ludhiana is proposing to purchase 39 compactors with funds from the Smart City Mission.

Compactors are the antithesis of segregation. The compacted waste is unfit for any re-

source recovery or safe disposal. Use of compactors on mixed waste makes it almost impossible to extract the recyclable dry waste such as plastics, metal, paper and cardboard from the mixture. The compression of wet waste in the mixture releases leachate (a black foul-smelling liquid) that is difficult to dispose. Leachate percolates into the soil and contaminates groundwater. When it drains off into the sewer system, it overloads the sewage treatment plants.

After the compacted waste is transported and dumped, the lack of aeration at the site results in the decomposing wet waste generating methane, a potent greenhouse gas that causes global warming. As waste pickers routinely light fires at landfill sites to extract scrap metal, the presence of methane gas stokes the fire further, and the presence of PVC plastic in the compacted waste means that the burning of plastics would release carcinogenic dioxins and furans.

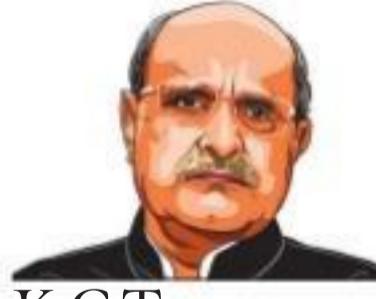
A much smarter alternative for municipalities under the Smart Cities Mission would be to promote decentralised composting of wet waste, tie-up with local 'kabdiwalas' or NGOs for recyclable dry waste, and work on safe disposal of the rest. The savings from eliminating costly secondary transport can easily fund the construction and operation of decentralised centres for the processing of wet and dry waste. Compactor-based waste management is vendor-driven and should be discouraged. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs should either stop financing compactors under the Mission or at least offer municipalities similar levels of support for more sustainable methods of waste management.

There was a similar pushback on alternatives to landfilling when Municipal Solid Waste Rules 2000 were notified. Almitra Patel, a member of the Supreme Court Committee which provided the basis for those Rules, recalls a lecture tour by a manager of New York's largest landfill at the time to promote landfilling in India. Today, New York plans near-zero waste to landfill by 2030, which is in line with our Rules 2000. The difference is that they are working towards it, while we are far from enforcing the Rules.

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## Upheaval in Israel

The impending political change of guard has implications beyond Jerusalem



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This controversial move by the US president was just a tactic to help Netanyahu retain power, which did not work. The US recognition in December 2017 of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the shifting of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and many such incidents, have caused controversy over the last three years. All such moves are against UN resolutions. The controversial Jewish Nation-State Bill, 2018, which officially defines Israel as the national homeland for the Jewish people, was termed as 'Apartheid' by the international community including the EU and the Arab nations.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The youth climate movement has created a new sense of urgency. Adults, including politicians, must now focus on plotting a safer course."

—THE GUARDIAN

# The reluctant politician

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, a swayamsevak, was pitchforked to lead the Jana Sangh at a critical juncture in the party's history



RAM MADHAV

Congress decline in a number of states. Upadhyaya was forced to abandon idealism for pragmatism and realpolitik as the possibility of forming non-Congress coalition governments emerged in many states. The Samyukt Vidhayak Dal (SVD) experiment – a non-Congress alliance of 15 parties – provided an opportunity for the BJS to become a part of the ruling establishment in several states. But it also raised the hackles of many party workers who saw the arrangement as a compromise with party ideology and beliefs. "Let not the Jana Sangh delude itself that by cohabiting with communists, we will be able to change them. Kharbooj chakko par gire, ya chakko kharbooj par gire; katega to kharbooj hi – whether the melon falls on the knife or the knife falls on the melon, it is the melon that gets cut," argued a party leader.

Upadhyaya had to use a combination of wisdom and realpolitik to convince the cadres about the efficacy of the SVD experiment. "It is an irony of the country's political situation that while untouchability in the social field is considered to be evil, it is sometimes extolled as a virtue in the political field. If a party does not wish to practise untouchability towards its rival in the political establishment, it is supposed to be doing something wrong. We, in the Jana Sangh, certainly do not agree with the communist strategy, tactics and political culture. But that does not justify an attitude of untouchability towards them. If they are willing to work with us on the basis of issues, or as part of a government committed to an agreed programme, I see nothing wrong in it. The SVD governments are a step towards ending political untouchability. The spirit of accommodation shown by all parties, despite their sharp differences, is a good omen for democracy," he argued.

Upadhyay became president of the BJS at the party conclave in Kozhikode in December 1967. In the RSS scheme of things, pracharakas are expected only to work as the organisational backbone, never to come to the forefront. However, in the case of Upadhyay, an exception had to be made because of the peculiar situation that developed in the party at that juncture. Several years later, Golwalkar would throw some light on the thinking of the RSS leadership at that time. "He (Deen Dayal) really never wanted this high honour, nor did I wish to burden him with it. But circumstances so contrived that I had to ask him to accept the president post. He obeyed like a true swayamsevak, which he was," said Golwalkar.

But this arrangement was short-lived. Two months after becoming the president, on February 11, 1968, Upadhyay's body was found by the side of the railway track near Mughal Sarai station in Uttar Pradesh. He was just 52. He was the second top Jana Sangh leader to die under mysterious circumstances – the first being the founder, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who also died mysteriously on June 23, 1953. Mookerjee too was 52 at the time of his demise.

The general elections in 1967 saw the

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### CLIMATE ACTION

THIS REFERS TO the report 'On climate change, India not just talking but has plan: PM' (IE, September 24). Young climate activist Greta Thunberg has rightly said that the generations that have polluted the most have burdened her generation with the extreme impacts of climate change. While addressing on climate change at UN Headquarters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only talked about the seriousness of this issue but has also proposed attainable solutions. Increasing use of renewable resources, use of e-mobility, jal jeewan mission and many other steps are effective if executed well. Making the needs of the young and the generations to come the focus of climate change mitigation programmes will make these projects more effective.

Sugandha Jain, Jammu

### HOME AND WORLD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Brothers in arms' (IE, September 24). The bonhomie between US President Donald Trump and PM Narendra Modi may not lead to expected gains for India since Trump is committed to the policy of 'America First'. The issue of border security came up during the "Howdy, Modi" event. Pakistan has accelerated its support to terror outfits and its offer of talks is meaningless. Tightening security is imperative. To maintain peace, let's put our house in order first. PM's contact with the diaspora could boost the country's sagging economy.

Subhash Vaid, Noida

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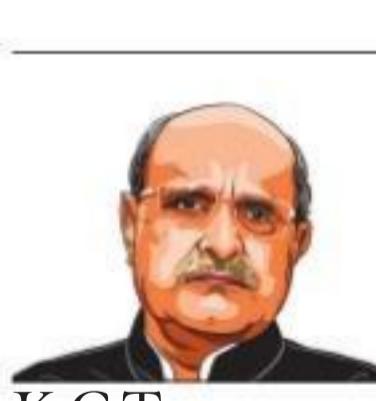
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### GARDEN PATH

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Houston, we have a spectacle' (IE, September 24). "Howdy Modi" was nothing but a gala event where PM Narendra Modi and US president Donald Trump have led many along a garden path by singing hosanna to each other for political motives. The sad thing is that many of us believe what they say and are ready to forego our right to free expression and openness under the illusion of having power and control over others.

Tarsem Singh, Mahipur



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Carrie Lam

## HONG KONG

20,000 apply for chance to 'vent anger' at government

**Hong Kong:** Hong Kong's embattled leader said Tuesday more than 20,000 people have applied to take part in a dialogue session with her and "vent their anger" at the government after three months of huge pro-democracy protests. It is the government's first attempt to reach out to the protesters since millions took to the streets in the biggest challenge to China's rule since the city's handover from Britain in 1997. Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam said Thursday's meeting would be an opportunity for people to have their voices heard but some protesters said they were not interested as their demands are already clear.

## YEMEN

**Tribal leaders say Saudi-led airstrikes kill 13**

**Sanaa:** airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's rebels on Tuesday killed at least 13 civilians, including children, when they hit a residential building in southern Dhale province, tribal leaders and health officials said. The airstrikes in the district of Qataba also wounded at least 10 others, they said. The casualties were from two families. Elsewhere in Dhale, Houthi forces shot dead three people during a raid in the mountainous Awd area, the tribal leaders said. Tuesday's airstrikes came four days after the Houthis said they were halting drone attacks against Saudi Arabia

## PAKISTAN

**20 suspects held in child serial killer probe**

**Chunian:** Pakistani police have detained 20 suspects as they investigate the possibility of a serial killer being behind the suspected murder and sexual assault of three boys in a district which has a history of child abuse and abduction. The body of eight-year-old Muhammad Faizan was found on an industrial estate, after he went missing on the way home from nearby shops. The remains of two more boys were found nearby. Local media reported three other children from the area had been missing.

## EGYPT

**Cairo: 6 Muslim Brotherhood killed in shootout**

**Cairo:** Egyptian security forces killed six suspected members of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in a shootout in Cairo, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday, amid tight security across the capital following rare anti-government protests over the weekend. The six were killed in a firefight when police raided their hideout in the Cairo suburb of Sixth of October, the ministry said in a brief statement. The ministry oversees police forces.



The devastation in Mirpur on Tuesday. Reuters

## 26 dead, 300 injured in PoK after quake jolts northeast Pakistan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

A POWERFUL 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and several cities in the north-eastern parts of the country on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people and wounding over 300 others.

According to US Geological Survey, the epicentre of the quake was near New Mirpur in PoK, which was severely affected by the quake. The depth of the quake, which occurred at 4.02 pm (local time), was 10 kilometres.

According to the Home Department, 26 people were

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Pakistan Meteorological Department's earthquake centre said the 5.8-magnitude earthquake was located near the mountainous city of Jehlum in Punjab province. However, Minister for Science Fawad Chaudhry said that the intensity of the quake was 7.1.

Some houses collapsed in Mirpur following the earthquake, Deputy Commissioner

Raja Qaiser said. Parts of a mosque also collapsed in the area. Emergency has been declared in hospitals across PoK.

TV channels showed footage of heavily damaged roads in Mirpur, with many vehicles overturned. Several cars fell into the deep cracks on the roads. The building of the state-run Broadcasting House in Mirpur was badly damaged.

Several cities including Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Lahore,

Skardu, Kohat, Charsadda, Kasur, Faisalabad, Gujrat, Sialkot, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Chitral, Malakand, Multan, Shangla, Okara, Nowshera, Attock and Jhang felt the tremor.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is in New York to attend the UN General Assembly, expressed grief over the loss of human life.

He directed all the concerned departments to provide immediate assistance to the quake-hit areas.

President Arif Alvi also expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives.

Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa directed "immediate rescue operation in aid of civil administration" for victims of earthquake in PoK. PTI

## Eight babies die in Algeria hospital fire, officials say

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ALGIERS, SEPTEMBER 24

EIGHT BABIES were killed when a fire ripped through a maternity hospital in eastern Algeria before dawn on Tuesday, emergency services said.

"We managed to rescue 11 babies, 107 women and 28 staff" after the 3.50 am (0250 GMT) fire in the hospital in Oued Souf, 500 kilometres (300 miles) southeast of Algiers, spokesman Captain Nassim Bernaoui said.

"Unfortunately we regret the deaths of eight babies, some from burns and others from smoke inhalation," he said, adding that the entire hospital had been evacuated.

Dozens of fire engines were deployed to bring the blaze under control.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, Bernaoui said.

According to Algerian public television, preliminary enquiries suggested an electric anti-mosquito device short-circuited and caused the fire.

Images of charred children's wards were published by local media. Private television channel Ennahar TV aired footage of Oued Souf residents protesting outside the hospital watched by the security forces.



Protesters run from teargas fired by police during a protest in Makassar, Indonesia, Tuesday. AP

## Thousands protest new Indonesia laws, 32 dead in separate Papua riot

AGENCIES

JAKARTA, SEPTEMBER 24

POLICE FIRED teargas and water cannon to disperse protesters outside Indonesia's Parliament Tuesday as thousands demonstrated nationwide against a new criminal code that would, among other things, outlaw pre-marital sex and weaken the country's anti-graft agency.

Protesters covered their faces and scattered in all directions as chaos erupted in the centre of the sprawling capital, Jakarta.

Meanwhile, the death toll from violent protests in the restive Papua province has risen to 32 after several bodies were found under burned buildings,

EXPLAINED

### Changes to sex, graft laws anger students

THE NEW criminal code that has angered thousands of students reduces the powers of the Corruption Eradication Commission, the country's independent anti-graft body. The laws also criminalise sex before marriage and ban living together outside of marriage. Insulting the President, state institutions and symbols would also be banned under the new laws. Abortion, without a medical emergency or rape, is also punishable under the new laws.

officials said Tuesday.

An angry mob torched local government buildings, shops and homes and set fire to cars and motorbikes in Papua

province's Wamena city on Monday in a protest by hundreds of people sparked by rumors that a teacher had insulted an indigenous student.

## HARARE'S MAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT SHUT DOWN

# Zimbabwe's capital runs dry as taps cut off for 2 million people

FARAI MUTSAKA

HARARE, SEPTEMBER 24

THE MORE than 2 million residents of Zimbabwe's capital and surrounding towns are now without water after authorities shut down the city's main treatment plant, raising new fears about disease after a recent cholera outbreak while the economy crumbles further.

Officials in Harare have struggled to raise foreign currency to import water treatment chemicals; about \$2.7 million is needed per month. Meanwhile, water levels in polluted dams

are dropping because of drought.

"Everyone living in Harare is affected, they don't have water," City Council spokesman Michael Chideme said Tuesday, as residents turned to options such as bottled water or wells.

Chideme called it a dangerous situation because of the risk of water-borne diseases. "Maybe the situation will be resolved by tomorrow but we are not sure," he said.

The capital now frequently records cases of diseases such as typhoid due to water shortages and dilapidated sewer infrastructure. Some residents are



forced to get water from shallow, unsafe wells and defecate

in the open. The Associated Press earlier

"We must do everything possible to avert the great fracture and maintain a universal system, a universal economy with universal respect for international law." — ANTONIO GUTERRES, UN Secretary-General

## UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# Trump accuses Iran of blood lust, warns China over trade war

Future belongs to patriots, not globalists, he says at UN

REUTERS &amp; AP

UNITED NATIONS,

SEPTEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced Iran's "blood lust" and called on other nations to join the United States to pressure Iran after attacks on Saudi oil facilities, but said there is a path to peace.

"America knows that while anyone can make war, only the most courageous can choose peace," Trump said in an address to the United Nations General Assembly annual gathering of world leaders.

In his third annual UN appearance, Trump offered a more subdued tone compared to the bombast of his previous speeches to the UN in 2017 and 2018, looking to convey a more reassuring presence as he asks Americans for a second term next year despite a fresh push for his impeachment among some Democrats.

The President implored the world's leaders to prioritise their own nations, stressing the benefits of strong borders and one-on-one trade deals.

"The future does not belong to globalists. The future belongs to patriots. The future belongs to strong, independent nations," Trump told a murmuring crowd at the General Assembly. "Globalism exerted a religious pull over past leaders causing them to ignore their own national interests. Those days are over."

The response to Trump in the chamber was relatively muted, a year after the crowd laughed



when he boasted about his achievements and gasped in 2017 when he threatened to wipe out North Korea.

On Iran, Trump said, "All nations have a duty to act. No responsible government should subsidize Iran's blood lust. As long as Iran's menacing behavior continues sanctions will not be lifted, they will be tightened."

Trump had a stern message for China and its President, Xi Jinping, with whom he is locked in a trade war that is damaging both their economies. He said the world is watching how Beijing handles mass demonstrations in Hong Kong that have heightened fears of a potential Chinese crackdown.

"Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will be beneficial to both countries. But as I have made clear I will not accept a bad deal for the American people," Trump said.

The trolling of the teen activist racked up over 16,000 responses in three hours, most of them cold-calling the US President. PTI

## TRUMP SLAMMED FOR TROLLING GRETA THUNBERG SPEECH

New York: US President Donald Trump stirred up fresh outrage on social media Monday with a tweet mocking an impassioned speech made by 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg in New York.

Thunberg accused world leaders of betraying her generation by failing to act on rising emissions, repeating the words "how dare you" four times.

"She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!" climate-skeptical Trump tweeted a few hours later, alongside a clip of the speech.

The trolling of the teen activist

## Trump ordered Ukraine aid frozen before calling its leader

More Democrats seek to begin impeachment proceedings

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WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump personally ordered his staff to freeze nearly \$400 million in aid to Ukraine a few days before a phone call in which he pressured the Eastern European nation's leader to investigate the family of political rival Joe Biden, a revelation that comes as more Democrats move toward impeachment proceedings.

Trump, in remarks to reporters at the United Nations on Tuesday, said he held up the aid to fight corruption and urge European nations to share in helping out Ukraine.

"I'd withhold again," Trump said. "And I'll continue to withhold until such time as Europe and other nations contribute to Ukraine." He named Germany and France as among the countries



A Trump phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has led to a whistleblower complaint

tries that should "put up money."

The matter, which is now part of a whistleblower complaint, has sparked questions about whether the president improperly used his office to pressure a foreign country to help his own reelection prospects. Democrats are demanding more information about the whistleblower's allegations, and more than a dozen have for the first time

raised the prospect of impeaching the President. They include a group of moderate House freshmen in competitive districts.

At issue is a summer phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in which Trump is said to have pushed for investigations into Biden and his son. In the days before that call, Trump ordered that aid to Ukraine be frozen, according to two people familiar with but not authorized to discuss private conversations. They spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Trump has insisted he did nothing wrong and has denied that any requests for help in procuring damaging information about the Bidens were tied to the aid freeze. Biden is among the leading candidates in the Democratic presidential primary.

The United States began providing military aid to the government of Ukraine shortly after Russia illegally annexed Ukraine's Crimean peninsula in 2014. AP

half-hour for enough water to sleep into the well to pump again.

Twenty-six people died last year in a cholera outbreak, leading President Emmerson Mnangagwa to express public dismay that Zimbabweans were suffering from a "medieval" disease.

The country once was a bright spot in southern Africa and a regional breadbasket but the economy has collapsed in recent years, and foreign currency is hard to come by. Prices for many basic items continue to rise, and the public health care system falters as some doctors and others say they can

hardly afford the commute to work.

As services largely collapse, many Harare residents in recent months have found themselves lining up at wells in the middle of the night for water or lighting their homes by candle or mobile phone.

The deepening frustrations have exploded more than once into protests that have swiftly been followed by sometimes violent government crackdowns.

The economic and social pressures follow Mnangagwa as he attends the annual United Nations gathering of world leaders this week. AP



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SECTOR WATCH  
AVIATION

**Align conditions for the return of Boeing 737 MAX: IATA to regulators**  
US FAA says individual nations will decide when the plane can fly again

**PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AT A time when aviation regulators across the world have indicated that they would be running assessments of the Boeing 737 MAX independent of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has called for an alignment among regulators for re-entry of the grounded aircraft.

"The real point is to restore mutual trust among regulators and a complete alignment to ensure that the single certification system works properly as it has for the past 70-80 years. That is the key priority," said Alexandre de Juniac, director general and CEO of IATA – a trade body representing 290 airlines across the world.

Regulators including the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), UAE's General Civil Aviation Authority and even India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have indicated conducting their own validation tests before clearing the aircraft – which saw two fatal crashes within five months, killing 346 people on board.

"You lose the effectiveness of the single system of certification which is based on one authority responsible for certification and mutual recognition in the other part of the world, which is the key element,"

**ALEXANDRE DE JUNIAC**  
DIRECTOR GENERAL-CEO, IATA

about DGCA's plans for conducting independent tests on Boeing's 737 MAX, which counts Indian budget carrier SpiceJet as one of its customers.

A DGCA official had said that while it was still early days to spell out India's plan of action, a validation of the plane will be conducted to ensure all safety parameters are met. India had grounded the aircraft model in March "until appropriate modifications and safety measures are undertaken to ensure their safe operations".

On Monday, the US FAA had pointed out that it still has no timeframe to lift the grounding of the aircraft, and that individual countries will decide when the plane can fly again.

"Our first priority is safety, and we have set no timeframe for when the work will be completed. Each government will make its own decision to return the aircraft to service, based on a thorough safety assessment," the US FAA said in a statement.

The FAA's comments followed a meeting held by the US aviation watchdog with international regulators in Montreal, and indicate a deadlock between various regulators on the decision to allow the aircraft's re-entry into service.

Earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported

**FY19: LabourMin notifies 8.65% interest rate on EPF**

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE LABOUR Ministry has notified 8.65 per cent interest rate on employees' provident fund for the financial year 2018-19, which will now be credited to the accounts of more than six crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO, Union Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said Tuesday.

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been settling EPF withdrawal claims at 8.55 per cent interest rate, approved for 2017-18.

Now, the organisation will settle accounts at a higher rate of 8.65 per cent for 2018-19.

"It gives me immense pleasure that for fiscal 2018-19, Labour Ministry has notified 8.65 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF). This rate of interest is 10 basis points higher than 8.55 per cent provided in 2017-18," Gangwar said in a statement issued here.

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has

**CASE AROSE IN 2016 AFTER CNIL FINED GOOGLE 100,000 EUROS FOR REFUSING TO DE-LIST SENSITIVE DATA**  
**Google wins landmark case limiting 'right to be forgotten' to Europe**

**FOO YUN CHEE**  
LUXEMBOURG, SEPTEMBER 24

GOOGLE DOES not have to apply Europe's "right to be forgotten" law globally, the continent's top court ruled on Tuesday in a landmark case that pitted privacy rights against freedom of speech.

The victory for the U.S. tech titan meant that, while it must remove links to sensitive personal data from its internet search results in Europe when required, it does not have to scrap them from searches elsewhere in the world.

The case has been viewed as a landmark test, in an age of an internet that knows no borders, of whether people can demand

**RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN ENSHRINED IN 2014**

■ The right to be forgotten was enshrined in 2014 when a court ruled that people could ask search engines to remove inadequate or irrelevant information from web results appearing under searches for their names

a blanket removal of information about themselves from searches without stifling free speech and legitimate public interest.

It has also been seen by policymakers and companies around the world as a test of whether the European Union can extend its laws beyond its

**FINMIN SLASHED CORPORATE TAX RATE LAST FRIDAY**

# Das on tax rates: Competitive, compared to emerging markets

**ENR ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said the reduction in corporate tax rates announced by the government is a "very bold measure" which makes Indian companies competitive from taxation standpoint. In its biggest booster dose to a slowing economy, the Centre on Friday announced a cut in corporate taxes for domestic companies to 22 per cent and for new domestic manufacturing companies to 15 per cent, hoping it will kickstart stalled private investment and fuel growth.

"It is a very bold measure, and it is a highly positive step. India's corporate tax now becomes very competitive compared to other emerging market economies in ASEAN and other parts of Asia. So far as international investors are concerned, so far as FDI is concerned, I think India stands definitely in a very competitive position, and would be able to attract higher investments," Das said, as per a *PTI* report. "Domestic investors will now have more cash, enabling them to undertake more capital expenditure. They can invest more and some of them can deleverage their liabilities which will add strength to their balance

**EXPLAINED**

## RBI lowering rates could complement tax cuts by Centre

AFTER MEETING Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman ahead of the monetary policy review meeting in October, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das's endorsement that corporate tax cuts are bold and positive moods possibly indicate that the central bank is comfortable with fiscal implications of such a move. The extent of fiscal deficit is an important variable that the RBI monitors in deciding its stance on interest rates.

The government has maintained that the deficit target will not be breached despite tax cuts. It may well be followed by rate cuts by RBI.

sheets," Das said after meeting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a customary meeting ahead of the monetary policy review early next month.

Apart from reduction in corporate tax rates, the government announced other measures such as relief on the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) payout, the surcharge on capital gains on sale of equity shares and on the tax incidence on share buy-backs, estimated to cost the exchequer Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually. The reduction in corporate tax, effectively, brings India's 'headline' corporate tax rate broadly at par with the average of 23 per cent in

Asian countries. The new effective tax rate, inclusive of surcharge and cess, for domestic companies would be 25.17 per cent and for new domestic manufacturing companies would be 17.01 per cent.

These rates would be applicable to companies that forgo the current exemptions and incentives. Also, MAT will not apply to such companies. For firms that choose to continue with pre-amended tax rates, companies will see their MAT incidence come down to 15 per cent from 18.5 per cent currently.

"There is a long tradition that the governor meets the Finance

Minister and discusses about the overall macro economic position. So today's meeting was basically that," Das said. The three-day monetary policy committee meeting will begin on October 1 amid expectations of rate cut to be announced on October 4 in a bid to revive the sagging economy.

After slashing key policy rate – repo rate – four times in a row (110 basis points) this year to revive growth and investments, the RBI Governor had last Thursday indicated there could be more reduction in the policy rate in the near future, in the wake of low inflation and the deepening slowdown in the economy. "When we see that the price stability is maintained and inflation is much below the four per cent mandate and is expected to be so in the next 12 months horizon, there's a room for more rate cuts especially when growth has slowed down," Das had said at the India Economic Summit of *Bloomberg*.

While low inflation has created space for more rate cuts, some analysts argue that tax cuts announced by the government could lead to a spurt in fiscal deficit, pushing the government to borrow more from the markets.

Higher market borrowings typically affect interest rate transmission and lower chances of interest rate cuts by the RBI.

**Nine states report decline in agriculture credit outstandings**

**GEORGE MATHEW**  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

AS MANY as nine states have reported a decline in banks' credit outstanding to agriculture and allied activities during the financial year ended March 2019, despite a rise in the overall credit outflow to the sector across the country.

Though the overall agri credit outstanding rose from Rs 13.69 lakh crore in March 2018 to Rs 15.29 lakh crore in March 2019, it was largely boosted by a huge rise in credit flow of over Rs 97,278 crore to Maharashtra which topped the list, according to figures provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

According to the RBI figures, the agri credit outstanding of Uttar Pradesh – the largest populated state – declined to Rs 91,628 crore in the year-ended March 2019 from Rs 97,707 crore in the previous year.

## OUTSTANDING AT ₹91,628 CR IN UP

■ According to the RBI figures, the agri credit outstanding of Uttar Pradesh fell to Rs 91,628 crore in the year-ended March 2019 from Rs 97,707 crore in the previous year.

■ RBI said that SBI's farm credit portfolio was the largest with outstandings of Rs 314,433 crore as of March 2019.

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initiatives and schemes aimed at financial inclusion, only 40.90 per cent of small and marginal farmers could be covered by the scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), the panel said in its report.

It has proposed a host of steps, including replacing the interest subvention scheme with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and crop loans only through kisan credit card (KCC) mode to boost and improve the reach of institutional credit even, as it asked the Central and state governments to avoid loan waivers.

According to the RBI's Annual Report, credit growth to agriculture accelerated to 7.9 per cent in March 2019 from 3.8 per cent a year ago, driven by foodgrains and horticulture production.

The Centre has been fixing the target for agricultural credit every year. During 2018-19, the Government of India set the target of Rs 11,00,000 crore for agricultural credit. As on March 31, 2019, commercial banks achieved 119.9 per cent of their target whereas cooperative banks and regional rural banks (RRBs) achieved 93.26 per cent and 105.78 per cent, respectively.

The KCC has emerged as an innovative credit delivery mechanism to provide adequate and timely bank credit to farmers under a single window for their cultivation and other needs, including consumption, investment and insurance. The KCC has now been extended to farmers involved in animal husbandry and fishery to enable them to meet their working capital requirements.

The RBI's Internal Working Group (IWG) to review agricultural credit, headed by Deputy Governor MK Jain, has raised several concerns on the farm front as lakhs of small and marginal farmers are yet to be covered by the banking system. Despite so many

## 'Retailers eye small towns as weak sales, e-comm weigh'

Rising rentals in shopping malls and stiff price competition from e-commerce players have made it difficult for retailers, pushing them to expand in smaller towns and adopt omni-channel strategy to run healthy businesses,

JLL said in its report 'Urbanisation, Aspiration, Innovation - The New Paradigm of India Retail'

### MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED BY RETAILERS:

- Under-performing, less efficient stores
- Huge inventory pile-up of merchandise in stores
- Stiff price competition from dominant e-commerce players
- Poor inventory management

### TARGETING TIER II AND TIER III MARKETS:

To deal with the challenges, retailers are shifting to tier II and III markets, where the brand presence is minimal

### 30-40%

lower realty costs: Real estate costs in tier II and tier III markets are 30-40 per



cent lower than those in metros and tier I markets

### MEASURES USED BY RETAILERS TO IMPROVE BUSINESS:

- Optimising store sizes

### LEASE RENEWALS STEEP IN HIGH-OCCUPANCY MALLS:

Leasing transactions are being renewed at steep premiums in malls where occupancy is around 90 per cent, with many marquee malls seeing a three-fold jump in rentals

### 2X RISE IN LEASE RENEWALS BY PREMIUM BRANDS:

Premium brands are renewing their leases at almost twice the earlier rents, according to the report, which has resulted in the tenure of mall leases being shortened, and thus, many brands are finding it difficult to survive under the burden

The letter, however, does not call for any halting of supplies, which means the products – known popularly through brand names like 'Aciloc', 'Zinetac', 'Rantac', 'R-Loc' and 'Ranit' – will continue to be marketed in the country.

"It has been reported from other countries that some ranitidine medicines contain a nitrosamine impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) at low levels," stated Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) VG Soman in the letter.

It was evaluating whether these levels of the substance posed a

risk to patients.

"Although NDMA may cause harm in large amounts, the levels the FDA is finding in ranitidine from preliminary tests barely exceed amounts you might expect to find in common foods," the US watchdog added.

While the US FDA too has not called for individuals to stop taking ranitidine at this time, some Indian drug makers have decided to halt supplies of their ranitidine products until investigations are concluded.

Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Sunday told *PTI* that it was sus-

pending supply of its ranitidine "worldwide" as a precaution.

NDMA, an environmental contaminant found in water and foods, is the same impurity that the US FDA had investigated in blood pressure drugs valsartan and losartan over the last year.

However, in that case, recalls of batches of these drugs were called due to the levels of the contaminants being at 'unacceptable' levels. In India, ranitidine is an over Rs 680 crore market, according to pharmaceutical market research firm AIOCD PharmaTrac.

## Facebook

acquires startup CTRL Labs working on mind-control of machines

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 24

FACEBOOK on Monday said it had made a deal to buy a startup working on ways to command computers or other devices using thought instead of taps, swipes, or keystrokes.

CTRL-labs will become part of Facebook Reality Labs with an aim at perfecting the technology and getting it into consumer products, according to Andrew Bosworth, vice president of augmented and virtual reality at the California-based social network.

"We know there are more natural, intuitive ways to interact with devices and technology," Bosworth said in a post at Facebook announcing the acquisition. "The vision for this work is a wristband that lets people control their devices as a natural extension of movement."

Bosworth explained that the wristband will decode electrical impulses into signals a device can comprehend, having thoughts rather than mouse clicks or button presses prompt actions on computers, according to Facebook.

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## BRIEFLY

**Oil falls 2% over trade war fears**

Houston: Oil prices fell 2 per cent on Tuesday as US President Donald Trump fanned market fears that Sino-American trade tensions are far from settled amid ongoing negotiations. Brent crude futures fell \$1.35, or 2 per cent, to \$63.42 a barrel by 1708 GMT. West Texas Intermediate futures were down \$1.12, or 1.9 per cent, at \$57.52 a barrel. **REUTERS**

**PayNearby buys WeCare**

Mumbai: Hyperlocal fintech firm PayNearby said it has acquired WeCare Insurance Broking Services. Regulator IRDAI has granted insurance broking license to PayNearby, resulting in creation of Nearby Insurance Broking Services Pvt Ltd. PayNearby CEO Anand Kumar Bajaj said it will ensure that financial protection is available for all. **ENS**

**Barney resigns as RCom CEO**

New Delhi: Global Cloud Xchange Tuesday said that Bill Barney has quit as CEO of Reliance Communications to focus full time at the helm of GCX. **PTI**

## THREE-JUDGE BENCH GIVES CoC 21 DAYS TO SEEK BIDS

# SC allows Amtek Auto RP to invite fresh bids

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

## NOV 15 DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTION

■ The final decision on the resolution plan has to be placed before the SC on November 5 as the deadline for resolution is November 15

■ Amtek Auto has a liability of around Rs 11,500 crore

A three-judge Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra asked the RP to publish advertisements for

fresh bids on Wednesday. The CoC has 21 days to seek bids and will have to take a call on final bid in two weeks thereafter. The final decision on the resolution plan has to be placed before the SC on November 5 as the deadline for resolution is November 15.

The apex court had earlier on September 6 stayed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's decision that ordered liquidation of Amtek Auto.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the lenders, requested the Bench to extend the time for resolution and allow the CoC to invite fresh bids. Amtek Auto has a liability of around Rs 11,500 crore. **FE**

## 'Won't allow driverless cars ... will not let jobs of 1 cr people be snatched away'

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

UNION MINISTER Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said he will not allow driverless cars in India as these could take away jobs of several lakh people in the country.

"Several big personalities from the country met me and

said they want to bring driverless vehicles to India. I clearly told them that till I am there, I shall not allow driverless cars in India. I was asked whether I oppose new technology. I said not at all. There are 40 lakh drivers in the country and a shortage of 25 lakh drivers. I will not let the jobs of 1 crore people be snatched away," Gadkari said.

The Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME was addressing an event to distribute leather tool kits at a function organised by Khadi and Village Industries Commission. Gadkari said that social and economic equality will not come from speeches but with real action. Distribution of tool kits to leather artisans is such an action.

## MUMBAI PORT TRUST

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)  
Tender No. CMO-05 Dated 23/09/2019

Chief Medical Officer, Mumbai Port Trust invites online tender for Selection of Independent Engineer for Establishment of 600-Bedded Super Specialty Hospital Project at Mumbai Port Trust Hospital on PPP. Tender documents are available from 25/09/2019 at [www.mumbaiport.gov.in](http://www.mumbaiport.gov.in), [www.reprocure.gov.in](http://www.reprocure.gov.in) and [https://etender.procuretiger.com](http://etender.procuretiger.com)

MbPT-23-2019

## BM-I DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

321, 3RD FLOOR, SHAHEEN BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI-110001

Tender ID: 2019\_NDMC\_180734\_1  
e-procurement Tender Notice

Name of work: Sanitation: Expenses.  
SH: Mechanized house-keeping work at Mohan Singh Place and Palika Place Complex Market of NDMC Area.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 1,66,06,083/-  
Date of release of tender through e-procurement : 23.09.2019  
Last date/ time for receipt of tenders Through : 03.10.2019 at 4.00 PM.  
e-procurement solution

Further details can be seen at [www.ndmc.gov.in](http://www.ndmc.gov.in) or [https://www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in](http://www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in)

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with NICCA is mandatory. The tender shall be received only through e-procurement procedure and conditions of e-procurement will supersede all normal conditions of the NIT of issue and receipt of tender documents.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (BM-I)

## Government of Rajasthan

Directorate of Horticulture, Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur  
NOTICE INVITING E-BID

Bid Ref. No: F 21/MDN/NHM/RHVS/Protected Cultivation/2019-20/4028-4030 dated: 16.09.2019  
UBN: (A) HOR1920WSRC (B) HOR1920WLR (C) HOR1920WSRC

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Rajasthan Horticulture Development Society (RHDS), Directorate of Horticulture, Jaipur on behalf of Government of Rajasthan invites Three (3) separately e-Bid proposals for rate contract of firms/ manufacturers, who meet the minimum eligibility criteria as 'specified in the Bid document for (A) erection/ installation of Low Tunnel, (B) Plastic Mulch and (C) Anti Bird Net under protected cultivation programme during 2019-20 on e-proc portal.

Name of the work	Rate contract of firms/ manufacturers for erection/ installation of low tunnel, Plastic Mulch and Anti Bird Net at farmers field under protected cultivation programme (Approximate cost of work for Low Tunnel, Plastic Mulch and Anti Bird Net is Rs. 432.60 Lakh, 694.14 Lakh and 10.52 Lakh, respectively)
Cost of Bid Document	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand Only)- for each
Processing Fee (RISL)	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) for Low Tunnel, Plastic Mulch & Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) for Anti Bird Net
Bid security	A. B. C. Low Tunnel Plastic Mulch Anti Bird Net Rs. 8.65 lakh Rs. 13.88 Lakh Rs. 0.21 Lakh
Bid document download Start Date/ Time & Bid submission Start Date/ Time	19.09.2019 at 05:30 PM onwards
Bid document download end Date/ Time	21.10.2019 at 05:00 PM
Submission date of Bid	From 19.09.2019, 5:30 PM to 21.10.2019, 5:30 PM at Room No. 361C, III <sup>rd</sup> Floor pant
document Fee, Processing Fee, Bid security (physically)	Bid security (physically)
Technical Bid Opening Date/ Time	22.10.2019 at 02:30 PM
Detailed bid document, Corrigendum's, Addendums etc	<a href="http://horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in">http://horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in</a> ; <a href="http://sppr.rajasthan.gov.in">http://sppr.rajasthan.gov.in</a> , and may be seen and downloaded <a href="http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in">http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</a> from Websites

Sd/-  
Mission Director  
DIPR/C/7783/2019

Date: 21.09.2019

**E-Procurement NOTICE**

Construction of Road and Bridge works.

a) A Class & Special Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authorities

b) B Class & A Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authorities

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Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in) for Non-PMSGY works and [www.pmsgytenders.gov.in](http://www.pmsgytenders.gov.in) for PMSGY works.

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Many of our coal-based power plants gasping for breath: Garg

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

THE AHMEDABAD zonal unit of Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGCI) said it has detected multiple units at the Kandla Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Gandhidham fraudulently claiming input tax credit against exports of sin goods.

According to DGCI, a few units in Kandla SEZ, in con-

pliance with about 20 exporter firms based in the National Capital Region (NCR), had conspired where low-grade material like scented zarda, tobacco extract, filter khaini etc, were manufactured without payment of tax by few Noida-based units or were procured from the local market at the rate of Rs 150 – 350

per kilogram and were shown to be exported to the SEZ-based units at the rate of Rs 5000 to Rs 9,000 per kilogram.

DGCI has identified more than 25 suppliers from states such as Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, who issued fake invoices of over Rs 1,000 crore, to the NCR-based exporters, without supply of goods, to facilitate refunds.

While the said suppliers are either non-existent or are being indirectly controlled by the exporters themselves, according to the intelligence unit, subsequently, refund of accumulated income tax credit, in excess of Rs 400 crore have been claimed by the said exporters from the GST

## ISLAMIST EXTREMISM

## Radicalisation in reverse

How Britain exports Islamist extremism to Bangladesh

SINCE THE FIRST wave of Bangladeshi migrants arrived in Britain in the 1970s, foreign-born preachers have held sway in the community. For a while the most visible consequence to outsiders was when Bangladeshi restaurants stopped selling alcohol, after conservative clerics such as Delwar Hossain Sayeedi came to preach temperance to the diaspora in the 1990s (some curry houses found a theological loophole in the form of "bring your own booze"). Recent years have seen more serious worries about the influence of foreign extremists. In February Shamima Begum, an east-London schoolgirl, was stripped of her British citizenship after running away to join Islamic State (IS) in Syria.

Yet in Dhaka, amid a rising tempo of terrorist attacks, officials are asking who is radicalising whom. Bangladesh's government often blames outsiders for its problem with radical Islam. But here it has a point. British citizens have been implicated in the planning, funding and promotion of terrorism in Bangladesh, to the alarm of the country's security services. "We do not know what is driving radicalisation in Britain," says a senior officer in Bangladesh's Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Bureau, "but it is contaminating our society."

Britain's exporting of radical Islam goes back a long way. Syed Golam Maula, the founder of the Bangladeshi chapter of Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an Islamist movement that is banned in Bangladesh but not in Britain, was introduced to the organisation while studying in London in the early 1990s. In 2015 Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the prime minister, complained to her opposite number, David Cameron, that British citizens were promoting radicalism in her country. Her comments came after religious extremists targeted gay activists, atheist bloggers and religious minorities. Touhidur Rahman, a Briton of Bangladeshi origin, was accused of (but never charged with) planning the murder of two secular bloggers.

Earlier this year Bangladeshi police arrested Rizwan Haroon, who had previously lived in Britain, on suspicion of using a school in Dhaka to recruit youngsters to IS. He is awaiting trial. According to America's FBI, Siful Haque Sujan, a Bangladeshi-born British citizen believed to have been killed in Syria in 2015, was a leading figure in IS who used eBay to send money to operatives in Britain and America. An American military report found that he had set up shell companies in Bangladesh, Britain and Spain to move funds and drones on behalf of the terrorist organisation.

Britons are by no means the only difficult part of the Bangladeshi diaspora. One of the perpetrators of a deadly attack in 2016 on the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka was Canadian. But intelligence agencies are particularly interested in Britain, whose 600,000 people of Bangladeshi origin make up the largest Western chunk of the diaspora. Some half a billion dollars in remittances are sent to Bangladesh from Britain each year, according to the World Bank, more than from any other Western country (though much less than from the Gulf states, where many Bangladeshis toil).

Cash from Green Crescent, a now-defunct British charity, was connected by Bangladeshi security services to the Holey Artisan Bakery. In 2009 Bangladeshi forces raided a madrasa funded by Green Crescent and found weapons and extremist literature. They claim the charity's British founder, Faisal Mostafa, has links to Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen, a terrorist outfit, which he denies. He has twice been acquitted of terrorism offences in Britain. "Green Crescent is likely just the tip of the iceberg," says Rakib Ehsan of the Henry Jackson Society, a think-tank. "We have no way of tracing even a fraction of the charitable funds that go from the UK to Bangladesh."

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are strong. This has fostered the continuity of cultural norms and for a long time "shielded" Bangladeshi from extremist ideas, argues Tahir Abbas of Leiden University. "British Bangladeshi weren't so much on the map in terms of these issues — until Islamic State," he says. Perhaps 100 of the 800 or so Britons who have joined IS are of Bangladeshi origin. Bangladeshis are disproportionately represented on Britain's ter-

rorist watch-list, according to officials in both countries. Last year one, Naa'imur Rahman, was convicted of plotting to kill the then prime minister, Theresa May.

#### Terror without borders

Ali Riaz of Illinois State University argues that the government's response to 9/11 lumped together all Muslims, making many identify more with their religion than their

nationality or ethnic origin. This has made them vulnerable to the universalist messages of groups like IS. Disillusioned youngsters "try to reclaim elements of their past, of their country of origin — religion can be the easiest thing to grab hold of," says Mr Bhui. Some become more orthodox than their parents. Orthodoxy is not the same as extremism, he notes, "but extremist groups can hide easily in orthodoxy." It does not help that Bangladeshis are the poorest ethnic group in Britain.

In Dhaka, keeping tabs on happenings in Tower Hamlets is hard. Some suspects are wanted in Bangladesh but operate freely in Britain, a source of frustration for Bangladeshi intelligence services. Despite what counter-terrorism chiefs describe as a high level of co-operation, the flow of information is hindered by the two intelligence services' very different cultures. Bangladeshi spooks freely haul peo-

ple in for questioning, tap phones and tail suspicious folk (including Economist correspondents). Torture is common; extra-judicial killing is neither unusual nor even much covered up. This reduces Britain's willingness to share information. "We respect the cultures of the countries we work with and we limit our expectations," says the Bangladeshi counter-terrorism officer.

The ideas, money and recruitment essential to extremism no longer move neatly from one country another, notes Mr Riaz, but in a "confusing whirlwind". The challenge facing British and Bangladeshi intelligence is far more complex than when preachers such as Mr Sayeedi, who is now behind bars in Bangladesh, were banishing booze from east London's curry houses.

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## BOLIVIA

## High and mighty

El Alto shares Evo Morales's indigenous identity, not his socialism

EL ALTO hovers over La Paz, Bolivia's administrative capital, like the blade of a guillotine. In 1781 Tupac Katari, an indigenous leader, laid siege to Spanish La Paz 500 metres (1,600 feet) below. In the early 2000s protests by *alteños* forced out of office two Bolivian presidents: Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, who sought to export Bolivia's gas through Chile, a rival, and Carlos Mesa, his successor, who resisted their demands to nationalise gas reserves. That paved the way for the election in 2005 of Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, and a member of the Aymara people, who regard El Alto as their capital.

Mr Morales is counting on its support as he tries to persuade Bolivians to extend his 13 years in office in an election due in October. But *alteños* are independent-minded. Some resent his decision to run in defiance of a referendum vote in 2016. But their reservations run deeper. Mr Morales is a leftist, and El Alto is an entrepreneurial place that likes low taxes and lax regulation. Its support of his socialism is selective. Bolivia's most revolutionary city is in some ways its most liberal.

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migrants began arriving from the *altiplano*, the Andean highlands of western Bolivia. They established neighbourhoods governed by practices brought from their villages, such as rotating leadership. In 1957 these joined to form the neighbourhood council, which took on the role of the state. Alongside workers' organisations, it dug the first wells and built roads. It also provided law and order, which has sometimes meant executing suspected criminals. The council, now called Fejuve, still helps with the provision of infrastructure on the city's growing fringes. El Alto was incorporated as a city separate from La Paz in 1985.

In the "gas war" of 2003 rebels on the cliff-top blocked roads that connect La Paz to much of the rest of Bolivia. Mr Sánchez de Lozada sent in the army. After nearly 60 people were killed, he fled the country. The



A graffiti of Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, and a member of the Aymara people, who consider El Alto as their capital. Reuters

insurrection helps define the city today. Roger Chambi, an Aymara activist, points out to a visitor the building housing Radio San Gabriel, where insurgent leaders held a hunger strike. El Alto's defiant slogan — "On its feet, never its knees" — appears everywhere.

Politics now seems less urgent. "Right now, it's all about the economy," says Mr Chambi. El Alto is the hub of an international network that trades in goods of all kinds, many of them smuggled. These link the city's rich merchants, called *qamiris*, to manufacturers in China. They often extend

to other Bolivian cities and into Brazil and Argentina. Perhaps four-fifths of *alteños* work in the informal economy. Bolivia's "shadow economy" is the world's largest as a share of GDP, according to the IMF.

El Alto's commercial heart is the vast, open-air 16 de Julio market, open on Thursdays and Sundays. Nearly untaxed and unregulated, traders pay their union for permits to open stalls selling everything from herbal cures to car parts.

Aymara women guard the wares, bowler hats tipped forwards. Many *qamiris* own market stalls. Beyond the market, small

businesses spill onto the streets. Multi-storey dwellings are springing up. Owners leave the brick exposed in the (mistaken) belief that this exempts them from tax. Plots of land appear in city records as empty, another ruse to avoid tax. Artful dodging earns respect. When he worked briefly as a bartender, "I did everything I could not to sell beer with receipts," says Mr Chambi.

The garish façades of "chalets" relieve the brick-brown streetscape. The *qamiris* who own them may not pay taxes, but unlike Bolivia's longer-established elite they

don't buy property in Miami, says Mr Chambi. They bankroll fiestas that take place every weekend. Once a year one *qamiri* gets the expensive honour of paying more than anyone else for Gran Poder, a caravel in La Paz.

Outsiders often see El Alto as a reflection of their biases. Leftists celebrate the communal features of its economy. They include *aini*: help from neighbours for building or business, which the beneficiary is expected to reciprocate. The fiestas are a way of giving food and drink to the poor. Anarchists admire El Alto's self-regulation, liberals its vigorous capitalism. The city seems to combine all these. Pablo Marmani, a sociologist, describes El Alto as a city "with broad solidarity", but "absolutely liberal" in economic matters.

El Alto tends to vote for Mr Morales and cheered his nationalisation of gas reserves in 2006. It likes subsidies and public works, but demands that the state keep its distance. "El Alto expects a lot from the state," says Mr Marmani. That goes along with an ethic of self-reliance. In Aymara culture, "one has to work for oneself."

*alteños* give Mr Morales little credit for their prosperity. Many are sceptical about his run for re-election (in which Mr Mesa will be his main opponent). They remember the Aymara practice of rotating leadership, even if they do not always practise it. "People view [Mr Morales's campaign] suspiciously," says Mr Chambi.

El Alto has nonetheless supported him, except on two occasions. In 2010, when he tried to cut subsidies for petrol, *alteños* blocked roads again. He backed down. Five years later they rejected his party's mayoral candidate in favour of Soledad Chapetón, an Aymara woman of the centre-left. Those are sharp reminders to Mr Morales: don't take El Alto for granted.

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(From left) Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, with Nick Clegg, former UK Deputy Prime Minister and Facebook Vice-President of Global Affairs and Communications, and Shubhajit Roy, Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*, at the Express Adda held in Delhi recently

## 'Nostalgia is not a great guide for the future'

**A**t the Express Adda held in Delhi, Nick Clegg, former UK Deputy Prime Minister and Vice-President of Global Affairs and Communications at Facebook, spoke to Indian Express Group Executive Director Anant Goenka, and Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*, Shubhajit Roy on Brexit, data nationalism and challenging the analogy about data being the new oil

### On the more powerful position: govt or corporate

I often hear this analogy that big global companies, in this case Facebook, have more power over people's lives than governments do. I think that's nonsense. If I think about decisions, often agonising decisions with lives involved within half-a-decade that David Cameron and I ran that government together – whether you go to war or not, whether you provide more money or not to hospitals or schools – these are things that touch people and their everyday lives in a much more material way than whether they use WhatsApp, Instagram or watch YouTube. I don't want to belittle and certainly it is difficult to belittle the sheer scale of a company like Facebook, which has users across the globe, but they are using them according to their choice. None of that is as granular as the way in which governments really affect the everyday circumstances of people's lives.

### On social media's influence on elections and Brexit

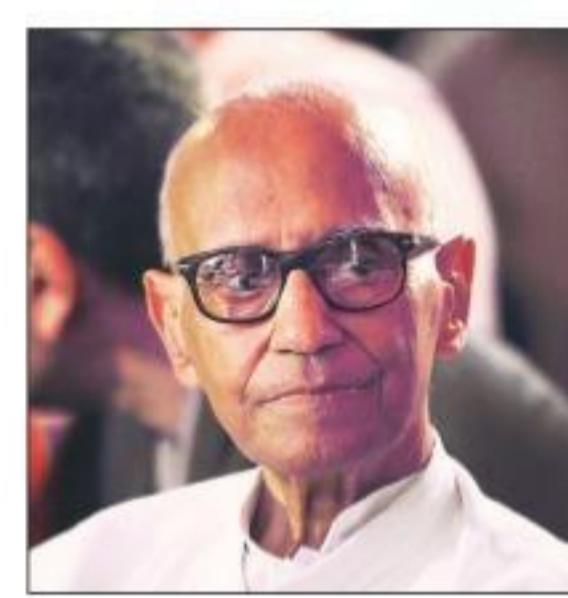
I have seen it asserted, I don't know how many times that Brexit was influenced by the Russians or Facebook or by Cambridge Analytica for instance. All of these assertions are made completely blissfully ignorant of the facts. The first fact is that we know from the British regulator, the information commissioner's office has the data from Cambridge, we don't have it. You keep asking us to analyse it, we can't analyse it because the watchdog has the data, we don't. They have said publicly that there was no data from the British voters involved.

### On Facebook being in a controversial place

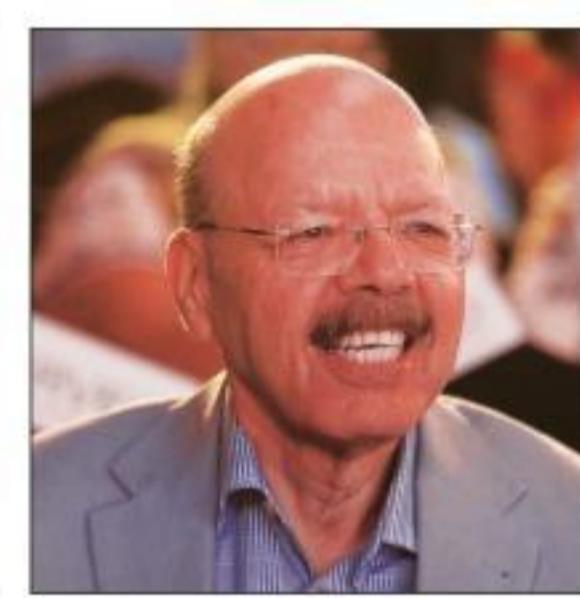
Of course, it's controversial and it's controversial for good reason and Facebook has had to learn from its mistakes. Generally, there is a great deal of antipathy and suspicion about big corporate companies... There are, quite understandably, great concerns about privacy. And we are going through a tech clash. The pendulum is swinging, as it often does when you disrupt technologies. At the beginning, people think that the new technology – in our case, the social media – is going to be a solution to all problems. People like Mark Zuckerberg walk on water and can do no ill... Now all our problems, apparently, are the fault of social media... It is naive to overpraise technology but it is also foolish to be over-cynical about technology.

### On WhatsApp and elections in India

India is by a long way the world's largest WhatsApp nation. WhatsApp, like lots of messaging services, is an end-to-end encrypted service so we don't have access, so we cannot share with law enforcement authorities the content of messages, unless the user sends them to us. That presents new challenges. How do we cooperate in a responsible and mature fashion under the law in response to legally sound requests for cooperation from law enforcement agencies... That was the subject of a lot of discussions (with the government). And I found it incredibly productive because I spent five years in Britain working with intelligence services, both in Britain and elsewhere, on common terrorist threats,



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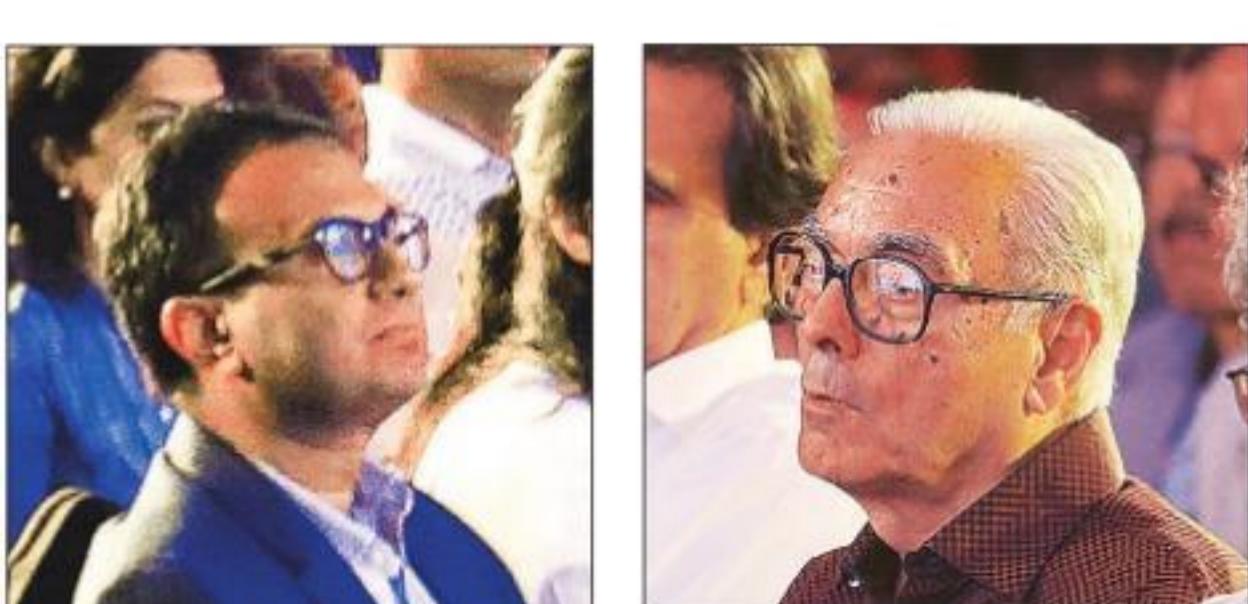
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Friederike Tschampa, Head of Political Affairs, EU Delegation to India and Bhutan (left), with Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland



Dionyssios Kyvetos, Ambassador of Greece (left), and Hans Christian Winkler, Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy, German Embassy



Ajit Mohan, Vice President and Managing Director, Facebook India

Arun Kumar Mago, former Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

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and data is a really powerful weapon to defeat terrorism.

#### On the challenges facing global economy

Brexit is another form of erecting barriers to trade which previously didn't exist. My personal view is that the laws of economics have not changed. In the end, if you make it harder for people to exchange goods and services with each other, it leaves everybody worse off... This is one of the greatest dilemmas in modern politics, which is that good politics and good economics are increasingly pulling apart. I come from a generation of politicians where we assumed that if we do good economics, the politics will flow. And one of the big changes you can see in Britain now is that there is a whole class of politicians who are absolutely adamant that Britain should do something, which every single economist will tell you is going to make people worse off, and they believe it is a patriotic act. So doing something which is economically self-harming is now considered to be the acid test of patriotism. That is very new.

#### On the rise of autocratic leaders, economic insecurity and Brexit

A desire for control is very strong at the moment for a whole bunch of complex reasons. Maybe technology has played a role in this. I think insecurity in the labour market, just the sheer pace of change... demographics, mass migration, all of these things have fostered quite an acute sense of insecurity amongst many people around the world. Where I come from, Europe and the UK, it is impossible to exaggerate the significance of the 2008 financial crisis. Because what happened in the UK after the 2008 crisis was that the link between how hard you worked and how you pay increased just collapsed... And that means the central promise of capitalism collapses. So if you ask me what is the single biggest reason why Britain voted for Brexit amongst all the other ones, it's 2008. If the 2008 banking crisis had not happened, I am pretty confident that Britain would not have voted for Brexit.

#### On whether data is the new oil

This very used, or perhaps very overused analogy about data being oil justifies an approach to segmenting, fragmenting and hoarding data in different jurisdictions, which doesn't make sense for India, for the openness and fluidity of the internet. The whole point of the internet is precisely that it is a global phenomenon, it's borderless, and if you start overallying on analogies like oil, you are going to extract it from the earth, you either burn it in an engine or store it in a barrel, and you make it your own. It is a false description of what data does in the modern economy and it would lead to a sort of protectionist approach to data.

which for instance the Chinese have upped from their terms successfully. Globally if we were to follow that model, China today, India tomorrow, then Vietnam, then Brazil, then the United States, everybody will start erecting data barriers and before you know it, the extraordinary ingenuity of a borderless internet would have given way to a highly fragmented internet. So that's why I shall challenge the analogy because I think it's an analogy which justifies a Balkanised approach to the data economy.

#### On data localisation

Where the data is stored is not relevant... in Denmark or Texas. If the Indian authorities want to get more rapid access to data, particularly when it comes to pursuing data that extends beyond Indian jurisdiction, especially when dealing with anti-terrorism operations, the best way to do that is not to build a warehouse outside Delhi where you physically keep data. It is having a new agreement between the Indian and the US governments, particularly under the new Cloud Act, which facilitates such an agreement... I think most people in the technology world don't think it makes sense to apply an old world analogy to the new world of fluid data. And that is why I deliberately chose to try and challenge the analogy because these are analogies of a sort of linguistic petri dish, in which these ideas take root, and it just represents a fundamental misunderstanding of how data flows across board, and how the internet works, and crucially there are much more effective mechanisms which are more effective at addressing the public policy objectives that the Indian government completely legitimately seeks.

#### On data nationalism

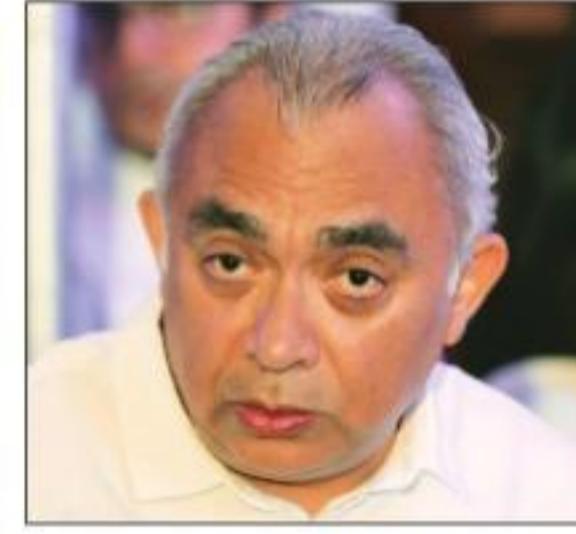
I think we are now living through the years where the new rules of the internet will be written and we will look back in 20-30 years of time and sort of either regret or praise the efforts that we have made. We are all collectively the architects of rules for this data-driven technological revolution and there are three basic planets which will decide this fight for the open and closed internet: America, Europe and India. China made that call, that decision. As I keep saying, we don't have one internet – we have two internets. We have the Chinese internet and the non-Chinese internet. And I think all of the three, you can roughly guess where they are going to go, you can guess where America is going to go, where Europe is going to go. But I think there is a real battle of the soul of where India is going to go. Is it going to go in a more data nationalistic direction, which at least borrows elements of the Chinese model or is India going to do, which I very much hope it does – as an open democracy, as an entrepreneurial generation, as a country which produces legions of IT geniuses – is to actually embrace and sustain the openness of the internet.



(From left) Ankhi Das, Public Policy Director, Facebook, India, South &amp; Central Asia; Kavitha Kunhi Kannan, Public Policy Manager, Facebook India; Shivnath Thukral, Public Policy Director, Facebook, India &amp; South Asia



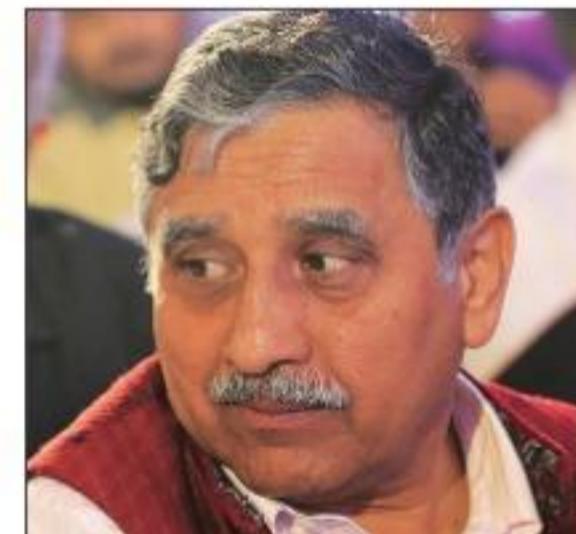
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JB Singh, President and CEO at InterGlobe Hotels



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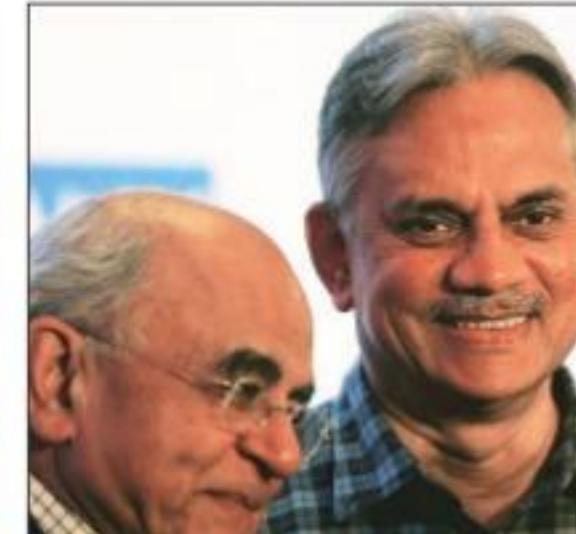
Patrick French, author and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University (right), and Meru Gokhale, Publisher, The Penguin Press Group, Penguin Random House India



Nick Wood, Military Adviser, British High Commission in India (right), with British diplomat Pip Morgan



Rohit Dubey, Vice President, Corporate Communications &amp; Advocacy at Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited



Author Gurcharan Das (left) with journalist Sanjay Pugalia



Subimal Bhattacharjee, cyber issues specialist



A lively interaction with the audience at Express Adda

#### VOICE BANK

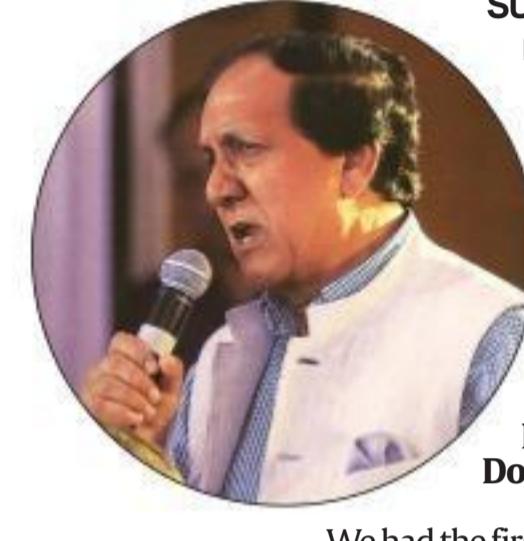
PATRICK FRENCH,  
AUTHOR AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES, AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY



I wanted to ask about the Fixed-Term Parliaments Act, which you introduced as Deputy PM in 2012. Do you now think that the form in which the Act came in was a mistake?

No. The bill is doing exactly what it was designed to do, which was to stop the executive of the day from playing cat and mouse with the British people for her/his own political ends and to stop elections being inflicted on the British people from one moment to the next. It is quite right that the Parliament says, 'We're in the middle of the biggest constitutional crisis in the post-war period, so we're going to withhold the consent of the executive to hold an election for their own political purposes'. People who don't like it are usually Conservative supporting constitutionalists, or people who hanker for time when Prime Ministers could mess about the election timetable to suit their own ends.

SURENDRA KUMAR,  
FORMER INDIAN DIPLOMAT



For the last two years, the UK has been struggling to get an honourable divorce from the EU. Is it fair to say that the UK's international stature is diminishing? Also, do you think in 10 years we are going to see a person of Indian origin living in 10 Downing Street?

We had the first woman PM and I hope that we will have the first PM from the diverse communities of the UK. Coming to the other question, I don't know what is going to happen in the future. But I do know that there is an umbilical link between Britain's place or exit from the family of nations that makes up the EU and the family of nations that makes up the UK because it is important to remember that majority of voters in Northern Ireland and Scotland voted to stay, so there will be an increasing sense of grievance, particularly, if we exit in economically-damaging terms. There is just now an open goal for Scottish nationalism to remake its case to the Scottish people and an increased chance that it will lead to Scotland leaving the UK. If you want to exercise power in the real world, you've to share power. We're not in a position anymore to dictate the political weather around us. Britain has had its great history, we're at a different place now; the most patriotic thing to do is to recognise that and not hanker for the past, which does not exist anymore. Nostalgia is not a great guide for the future.

NIKHIL PAHWA,  
FOUNDER, MEDIANAMA



As a liberal, how would you reconcile individual rights over their own data with co-created data in the context of data portability? Secondly, if an Indian court demands it, would WhatsApp reconfigure its platform to bring in traceability?

There are a lot of signals like meta data, which we can share with law enforcement. What we can't do is sort of un-invent end-to-end encryption. There are certain technological barriers. As a liberal, it should be our right as a consumer to move our data from one service to another, but here is the complication... Do you give every single person you have interacted with on Facebook the right to consent or withhold consent for you to move data? We need regulators to tell us where the boundary lies.

KIRIT PARikh,  
FORMER MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION,  
CHAIRMAN, INTEGRATED RESEARCH AND  
ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT



Today, you have millions of data points about a person and with artificial intelligence you can draw inferences that you weren't able to draw 20 years earlier. So in that case unless the data is made accessible to everyone, unequal data access should be banned or regulated. Would Facebook be willing to make data open to anyone who wants it?

Some of our services have very little data. WhatsApp, for example, is a data light service. Facebook and Instagram are more data intensive. It's not as if we are not preventing people from sharing the data they share with us with others. Where you do have a point, and this is a profound issue with the whole industry, is that as we all rely more and more on machine-learning and algorithms, the more data you have, the easier it is to train your systems to recognise those patterns and I do think there is a profound question about the ethical, social and cultural assumptions that you build in to those machine-learning tools as they process that data.

VN DALMIA,  
CHAIRMAN, DALMIA CONTINENTAL PVT LTD



I can understand it being an emotive issue for the Irish, but why is backstop such an emotive issue for the average Briton? Two, how does WhatsApp make money?

On the last bit, it doesn't. We would like to, at some point, see if we can introduce ads in WhatsApp Status. On the first, backstop, I don't think everyday folk spend that much time worrying about the backstop itself, which is very complex. People have a vague sense that there is a link between the membership of the EU and the peace settlement in Ireland, which people do treasure.

## BRIEFLY

## Big Bash ditches boundary countback rule for tie-breaker

**Melbourne:** The contentious boundary countback tie-breaker that gave England victory over New Zealand in the Cricket World Cup final won't be used in the Big Bash Twenty20 tournaments in Australia this season. Cricket Australia on Tuesday said that under the new rules, if two teams are tied at the end of a final and then again after a Super Over, subsequent Super Overs will be played until there is a clear winner in both the men's and women's T20 leagues. The new rule applies to all matches in the finals series, while a tied Super Over in a regular season game will see the points divided. At Lord's in July, New Zealand scored 241-8 and bowled out England for 241. Under World Cup final rules, the tied match went to a Super Over in which the best batsmen of one team try to score the most runs against a nominated bowler from the other. Both teams scored 15 runs in Super Over but England won on a countback of boundaries scored during the match. **AP**

## Shastri, Kohli must guide Pant: Yuvraj

**New Delhi:** Former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh called for an end to the constant criticism of Rishabh Pant, saying the young stumper-batsman desperately needs guidance from captain Virat Kohli or anyone who can understand his psyche. Pant has been drawing flak for failing to grab his chances and getting out to rash shots despite being given a long rope by the Indian team management. "I really don't know what is happening with him (Rishabh). He is facing a lot of criticism which is not needed. Somebody needs to get the best out of him," Yuvraj said. Pant struggled during the away series against the West Indies last month before failing to take an impact in the recent home T20 International series against South Africa. "The people monitoring him, the coach (Ravi Shastri), the captain (Kohli) have to guide him," the former left-handed batsman added. **PTI**

## Bangladesh U-19s leave for NZ

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh's Under-19 team has left on the country's first cricket tour to New Zealand since their Test players narrowly escaped the deadly mosque attacks in Christchurch earlier this year. A 15-member squad left Dhaka late Monday to play five youth one-day internationals from September 29, following reassurances from Wellington about security measures. It is the first visit of a Bangladeshi squad since the shootings at two mosques on March 15 that claimed 51 lives. Bangladesh's Test squad were just a few minutes from being caught up in the carnage as they attended Friday prayers. "New Zealand gave us a formal guarantee, which we worked out and sent it to our government," said Bangladesh Cricket Board chief executive Nizamuddin Chowdhury. **AFP**

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Ali Asfak Thara was taken into custody after several days of questioning

Allegedly placed bets with a Dubai-based bookie

12 KPL players suspected of being in touch with him for betting

# KPL team owner arrested for betting

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 24

THE OWNER of a Karnataka Premier League cricket team was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) unit of Bengaluru Police on Tuesday following a probe into an alleged cricket betting racket during the KPL season that concluded last month.

Ali Asfak Thara, a travel and tours businessman who bought the Belagavi Panthers franchise in 2017, was arrested by the CCB after several days of interrogation. Along with Ali, several others involved with KPL—including players and coaching staff of more than one team—were also questioned.

"The CCB has unearthed a betting scandal in the KPL. Belagavi Panthers team owner Ali was placing bets on matches. He placed bets with a bookie who is allegedly in Dubai. He is arrested for betting," joint commissioner of police (crime) Sandeep Patil said.

The investigation into the KPL betting racket is yet to unearth evidence of results of matches being fixed but there are indications of fixing of the toss, batting order, no balls and wide balls and other events during games, police said.

"Match-fixing is still under inquiry. Ali was in touch with players of other teams during the KPL. The players are being investigated," Patil said.

As many as 12 players in KPL are suspected to have been in touch with Ali for betting as per the investigation, police sources said. The probe into betting and match-fixing in KPL was opened up by the CCB on the basis of inputs provided by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) soon after allegations of betting and match-fixing in the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL), they indicated.

Police claimed that they were on the lookout for a Dubai-based bookie with whom the Belagavi Panthers owner collaborated to fix passages of play. Twitter/Belagavi Panthers



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## Belagavi Panthers boss Thara had stake in a T10 team, organised tournament in Sri Lanka

SRIRAM VEERA  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

ALI ASFAK Thara, the owner of a Karnataka Premier League (KPL) team Belagavi Panthers, who was arrested by the police in connection with betting, had his finger in many pies.

KPL isn't the only league in which Thara owned a team. He is also a co-owner of Kerala Kings, a team in a T10 tournament held in Abu Dhabi. Established cricketers like Chris Gayle, Eoin Morgan, Kieron Pollard played in his team. His profile on that team's site says that he "manages 6 leading teams playing league matches" in different leagues. "he is a founder of Ali Travel & Tours" a travel company based in Bangalore. "After proving his mettle in his family's export and import business of poppy seeds in India, he ventured into cricket", the profile reads.

Thara also was the main organiser of the International Cricket Premier League (ICPL) that was held in Sri Lanka, a tournament launched in 2016 and organised by his travel company. Former Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya was the brand ambassador of the tournament.

"This year the cases of approaches have come more to us because of the additional responsibility we have taken of looking after these T20 leagues organised by the state associations".

A former India player was supposed to have taken part as a committee member of ICPL but later pulled out. "At that time, it was because of presence of Pakistan players in that



Ali Asfak Thara, the owner of Belagavi Panthers, also had a stake in Kerala Kings and was the organiser of the International Cricket Premier League, which was held in Sri Lanka.

tournament and I wasn't sure how the Indian cricket board would see it."

Another former India player was offered a job in Ali's team in KPL but refused. "Nothing concrete, but the talk about him (Thara) among players I knew put me off. I thought it's better if I stayed away."

The overwhelming feeling among a few players in the T20 league was one of relief when news broke that Thara was picked up by the police. The episode also raises questions about the various T20 leagues operating in the country and beyond. Such was the suspicious activity around KPL that one player said his captain would announce the team only in the final huddle on the field as there were "suspicions about couple of players in the team". This wasn't Thara's team Belagavi Panthers but another.

Another player's suspicion arose when he found "fans" from Haryana visit Hubli to watch KPL games. "I was thinking we aren't that big; why would they come from Haryana? Definitely fishy; illegal betting and what not, we players have our doubts and would chat about it."

It was the similar case with TNPL, where the sources involved in the probe told *The Indian Express* that, bookies and match fixers take control of a franchise through an illegal deal with the team owner and are running

"the team in such a way that they make windfall gain in betting".

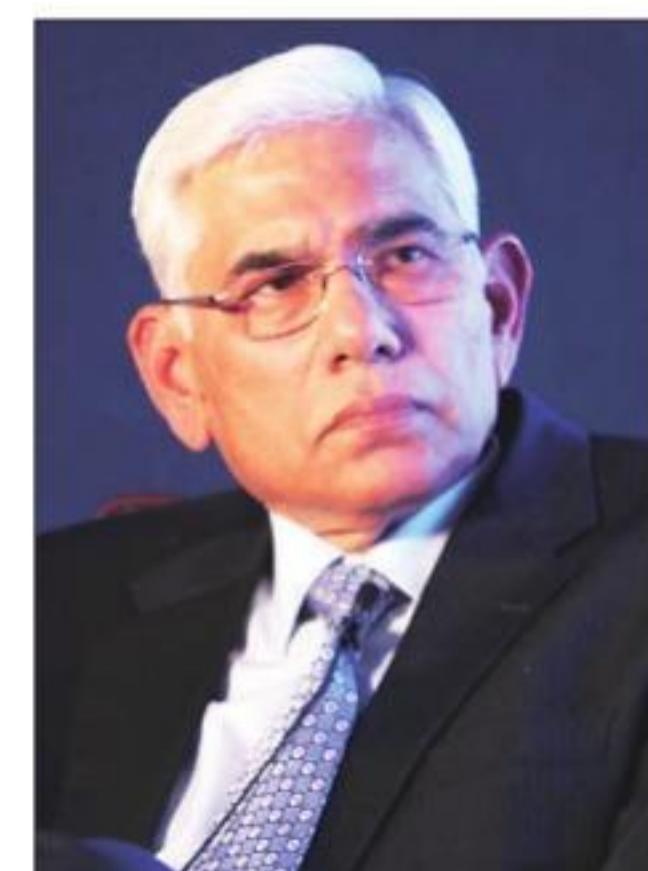
The Anti Corruption Unit sources say that one of the bookies confided to them that the coach was seen giving instructions to players on how many runs to score. It was also reported that "important persons in touch with bookies are spreading in different teams" in the TNPL league.

A similar allegation has surfaced in KPL as well, especially regarding Thara, who is alleged to have kept in contact with players across different teams. A member of the Belagavi Panthers told this newspaper about how Thara used to run a cricket academy in Bangalore and also reported to have owned a few cricket clubs. "He would organise tournaments before and made a few contacts through that."

A player said that Thara would send players to Dubai in the past for cricket tournaments. "When he came on to KPL, rumours started to spread among players and I would pray that I was never picked up by his team in the auction."

The joint commissioner of Bengaluru police Sandeep Patil said on Tuesday after arresting the owner: "Thara was in touch with a Dubai-based bookie." The police have summoned 34 players from various teams for questioning.

# Those over 70 cannot attend BCCI AGM: CoA reiterates in advisory



BCCI's Committee of Administrators chief Vinod Rai.

brought their constitutions in line with the BCCI Constitution run the risk of their election results not being recognised," stated the CoA advisory.

The BCCI constitution says a person "shall be disqualified" from being an office-bearer/councilor/committee member if, among others, he/she has "attained the age of 70 years" or "holds a public office" ... Also, if someone has held office for six years on the spin, he/she needs to go for a mandatory three-year cooling-off period.

According to a former state association president, going by the spirit of the Lodha Committee recommendations, approved by the Supreme Court, members above 70 years of age shouldn't represent any affiliated unit at the AGMs.

### State associations defiant

Some state associations, however, remain defiant. "Unless and until it's a Supreme Court order, we won't accept it. We don't know whether it's heard or not. Until we get an official order from the court, we can't do anything. The past (September 20) Supreme Court order is very clear. The CoA has issued many directives that have been turned down by the court," a state association office-bearer told this paper.

It would be interesting to see how the electoral officers interpret the latest CoA advisory. The Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB) electoral officer Sushanta Ranjan Upadhyay, for example, had barred members above 70 years of age from representing their respective affiliated units at the state association's September 28 AGM. "Affiliated

Members shall ensure that their representative so nominated on their behalf should not be disqualified to become an Office Bearer or a Councilor of CAB in terms of the CAB Constitution," the election procedure had said.

The electoral officer relaxed it and allowed members above 70 years of age to attend the AGM as representatives after the September 20 court order. Following the CoA advisory today, Upadhyay told this paper that he would take "legal opinion tomorrow" before putting out the list of representation.

### BCCI elections on Oct 23

Meanwhile, in view of the Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana, the CoA has deferred the BCCI elections by a day and it would now be held on October 23. Deadline for state associations to complete their election process has been extended to October 4. "... in order to facilitate and secure compliance by various State Associations and for conduct of elections in the member State Associations in accordance with the judgment dated 18th July 2016 and 9th August, 2018 and any further order and judgement that the Hon'ble Supreme Court may be pleased to pass, the CoA hereby extends the date for completion of election by member State Associations to 4th October, 2019. Further, the date of BCCI election is extended by one day in view of the voting in the Legislative Assembly elections in the states of Maharashtra and Haryana on 21st October, 2019. Accordingly, the election date for BCCI stands postponed to 23rd October, 2019," the CoA advisory stated.

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SRI LANKA'S CRICKET team arrived in Pakistan on Tuesday for a series of limited-overs matches, with the Pakistani government promising to give the players the same level of security as a head of state.

It is the first time since Sri Lanka's team bus was attacked by terrorists in Lahore in 2009 that a foreign team will conduct a two-week tour of Pakistan. Major teams have avoided Pakistan since that ambush, which killed eight people and injured several players. Ten of Sri Lanka's top cricketers opted out of this tour because of security concerns, but the makeshift team arrived in the southern port city of Karachi, which will host three one-day internationals on Sept. 27, 29 and Oct. 2. Those will be followed by three Twenty20s in Lahore.

"We can't forget, 10 years ago it was a terrible attack on the Sri Lanka team and they are the same country which has come back to play here," Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ehsan Mani said in Lahore. "We are thankful to the players and their board for standing strong with Pakistan."

The current tour also looked in doubt after the Sri Lankan cricket board said it had been warned by its government about a possible terrorist threat. But Mani said he expects both the National Stadium in Karachi and the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore to be full for the ODI and Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka.

"We have been playing in front of virtually empty stadiums (in UAE) which wasn't a cause of motivation," Mani said. "In Pakistan we will have people coming in stadiums not only to support their own team but also applauding Sri Lanka for taking a big step to help us as a country."

The PCB also used its own domestic Twenty20 league as a brand to attract foreign players to play in Pakistan over the last three years. Sri Lanka's team bus will be flanked by a fleet of vans carrying armed security personnel when moving from the hotel to the stadium, but Mani is hoping things will normalize eventually.

## DEEPTI STARS AS INDIA WIN

Spinner Deepi Sharma bowled three maiden overs in her four-over quota, apart from taking three wickets, as the Indian women's team survived a Mignon du Preez blitz to eke out a 11-run win over South Africa in the first T20 International in Surat on Tuesday.

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) on Tuesday barred the BCCI/state association members above 70 years of age from attending the AGMs as representatives of their respective affiliated units. The 'disqualified' members, as per the BCCI/state association constitution, cannot be part of any committee/council as well. The majority of the state associations, though, remain defiant, deciding to go by the apex court's September 20 order until a fresh court directive is issued.

The CoA, in its advisory on Tuesday, directed the state associations and their respective electoral officers not to "re-amend" their constitutions other than incorporating the relaxation granted by the Supreme Court in their election procedure. The apex court in its September 20 order directed that disqualification in state associations' elections would be restricted only to those who had held the position of office-bearers.

Simply put, in light of the Supreme Court order, if a member has served nine or more years as a working/managing/executive committee member, without holding any office, in a state association, he/she is eligible to contest for an office-bearer post. But, as according to the CoA advisory, other restrictions stand, if a member is disqualified as per the BCCI/state association constitution, he/she cannot be part of any committee or attend meetings.

On Monday, the CoA had filed an application before the court, seeking certain clarifications on the September 20 order. Today, the court heard the matter again and accordingly the CoA issued the advisory.

"A state association cannot nominate as its representative anybody who is disqualified as per the BCCI constitution. I waited for it (today's Supreme Court hearing) and only after the discussion took place, we issued the advisory," CoA chairman Vinod Rai told *The Indian Express*.

The State Associations who have not

# CWG waste of time, India should withdraw altogether: IOA president



India won 66 medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

CLAIMING THAT they are no longer relevant, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra has called for the country to withdraw altogether from the Commonwealth Games rather than boycotting a one-off edition. Batra added that India should instead focus on taking part in international events where the level of competition is high to improve its standing at the Olympics.

Batra said he will put up this proposal at the IOA executive board meeting, which is likely to be held next month. If the members approve, the Olympic body will take it up with the government and subsequently the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) president, when she visits the country in November.

"These Games have no standard. For me, these are a waste of time and money. We win

70 medals, 100 medals at the Commonwealth Games while at the Olympics, we get stuck at two (medals)," Batra told *The Indian Express*, referring to India's tally in Rio. "That means the level of competition isn't high at CWG. It's not a ranking tournament either. So why waste time? We should rather go to better competitions and prepare for the Olympics."

In July, the IOA took an unprecedented step and proposed a complete boycott of the 2022 CWG in Birmingham after the organisers dropped shooting from the programme despite months of lobbying by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) as well as former sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. CGF president Louise Martin is likely to visit New Delhi on November 14 to meet IOA officials as well as sports minister Kiren Rijiju.

Batra said he wasn't in favour of boycotting a standalone edition of the Games. "I'm not in favour of the boycott. In sports, you never use the word boycott. My fundamental principle

is either we withdraw permanently or go and compete," Batra said. "We will have an internal discussion in IOA before the meeting (with CGF) on November 14. I'll put up this suggestion in the IOA meeting and see if there is a consensus. We'll have political decisions as well."

The government has so far resisted the calls from the IOA and NRAI to boycott the Birmingham Games, saying such decisions cannot be taken unilaterally. But Batra insisted participating in the CWG does not benefit Indian athletes given the competition level isn't 'high enough'. "The entire Middle East does not compete in CWG. The USA doesn't either. Ultimately, IOA will vote for it. As a sports administrator, it is my duty to make sure India has a strong team for the 2024, 2028, 2032 Olympics. We won't achieve that by competing at the CWG," he said.

India have won 101, 64 and 66 medals in the 2010, 2014 and 2018 editions of the CWG respectively. Athletes winning medals at these Games receive hefty prize money, with centre

earmarking ₹30 lakh for gold medalists, ₹20 lakh for silver winners and ₹10 lakh for bronze medalists. The state governments offer separate prize money while employers like Railways, oil companies and state police department offer cash incentives and/or promotions to the medal winners.

Batra acknowledged his suggestions may not go down with the athletes. "Athletes may hate me for it because they get prize money for these Games. I will request the government to divide this prize money in different tournaments of better level," Batra said. "If it is not a good competition then why should we go?"

The IOA chief added the Commonwealth body has been 'undermining' India and the country is not adequately represented in its bodies 'despite being their largest partners, population wise.' "Yet, they don't consider us seriously. There are 13 committees and there isn't one Indian in them. There is no Indian in the executive board. Why are we in the system? It's a colonial thing."

## VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY ROUND-UP

Mukund, Dinesh Karthik shine for TN

Half-centuries by Abhinav Mukund (75, 83 balls, 7 fours) and Baba Aparajith (52, 67 balls, 2 fours) helped Tamil Nadu beat hosts Rajasthan by six wickets in their opening Group 'C' match.

**Brief scores:** Rajasthan 261/9 in 50 overs (Arjit Gupta 77, Rahul Chahar 48, Ashok Menaria 35; K Vignesh 3/34) lost to Tamil Nadu (Abhinav Mukund 75, B Aparajith 52, Dinesh Karthik 52 not out, Shashank Khan 48 not out) by six wickets;

**Points:** Tamil Nadu: 4, Rajasthan: 0.

**Kalaria helps Gujarat beat Bengal**

Bhagav Merai top-scored with 63 before medium pacer Rush Kalaria took four wickets as Gujarat got the better of Bengal by 38 runs. Shreevats Goswami's 79 went in vain.

**Brief scores:** Gujarat 253/8 in 50 overs (Bhagav Merai 63, Manprit Juneja 47, Kathan Patel 36; Ashoke Dinda 3/58) beat Bengal 215 all out in 46.2 overs (Shreevats Goswami 79, Anupam Majumdar 39; Rush Kalaria 4/34, Axar Patel 1/47) by 38 runs; **Points:** Gujarat: 4, Bengal: 0.

**Tripura get over the line against J&K**

Ex-Delhi player Milind Kumar helped Tripura edge past Jammu and Kashmir by two wickets in a low-scoring contest.

**Brief scores:** Jammu & Kashmir 171 all out in 43.2 overs (Qamaran Iqbal 43, Fazil Rashid 38; Harmit Singh 3/32) lost to Tripura 198/8 (Bishal Ghosh 62, Milind Kumar 77; Umar Nazir 3/45) by two wickets; **Points:** Tripura: 4, J&K: 0.

**Teja hits ton for Meghalaya**

Seasoned campaigner Dwaraka Ravi Teja made an impressive start with Meghalaya as his unbeaten century shaped his side's 194-run victory over Sikkim in their Vijay Hazare Trophy Plate group opener.

**Brief scores:** Meghalaya 318/5 in 50 overs (Dwaraka Ravi Teja 109 not out, Punit Bish 74, Amiengshu Sen 59) beat Sikkim 124 in 46.3 overs (Yashpal Singh 53; Aditya Singhania 4/18) by 194 runs; **Points:** Meghalaya 4, Sikkim 0.

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# India No.1 bowler short

Strike pacer Bumrah to miss three Test series against South Africa due to stress fracture of the lower back

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INDIA'S PROSPECTS in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship are intrinsically linked with the form and fitness of Jasprit Bumrah, but with the team's campaign in the two-year competition just two matches old, the loss of their most potent weapon has put a spanner in plans of Virat Kohli & Co.

The 25-year-old slingshot has been laid low by a "minor stress fracture in his lower back," according to a BCCI press release, but even though he will miss the three-Test series against South Africa beginning on October 2 in Visakhapatnam, there is no clarity on whether these will be the only matches Bumrah will miss, as stress fractures take time to heal.

"The injury was detected during a routine radiological screening. He will now undergo rehabilitation at NCA and will be monitored by the BCCI Medical Team," the release said.

Bumrah was rested for the T20 leg of the Proteas series, to keep him fit and fresh for the Tests, but things have not panned out as the think tank had envisaged.

India's next assignment after the series against South Africa is a home series against Bangladesh - which includes two Tests - as well. If Bumrah is unable to play against Bangladesh, his next opportunity to appear in Test whites will only be in February-March next year, when India visit New Zealand.

Bumrah has taken to Test cricket like a duck to water, despite being typecast as a white-ball specialist earlier in his career. His tally of 62 wickets in 12 Tests at an average of 19.24 is testament to his prowess, and the way he operates and sets up batsmen has even impressed legends such as Andy Roberts and Curtly Ambrose.

Bumrah has played in South Africa, England, Australia and West Indies, and taken five-wicket hauls in every series. But he is yet to feature in a Test in India, and the wait is set to continue for a few months longer.

### Umesh gets a lifeline

Umesh Yadav, who played the last of his 41 Tests in Perth last year, gets another chance to showcase his credentials. Though he made the squad for the Test series in the West Indies, the team management may have lost some trust in the Vidarbha speedster after his erratic performance on his last outing on a pitch tailor-made for fast bowling.

A haul of 119 wickets at 33.47 is not eye-catching but, at his best, Umesh could be a force to reckon with on sub-continental pitches generally amenable to spinners. In his last Test on Indian soil, he grabbed a 10-wicket haul against the Windies in Hyderabad. But that was before Bumrah came into the Test reckoning and Umesh himself lost form and rhythm in the subsequent 12 months. With the likes of



### CARRYING THE LOAD

In the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, Umesh Yadav could get another chance to showcase his credentials. Express file

Bhuvneshwar Kumar currently out of the Test squad and the likes of Navdeep Saini showing promise, the soon-to-turn-32 Umesh needs to make use of every opportunity before the team management and national selectors look past him.

### Pitch, team combinations

But whether Umesh gets a chance to show his wares may depend on factors beyond his control. Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami are almost certainties in the starting XI due to their splendid recent performances. Whether the think tank goes with a third seamer or a spin-heavy bowling attack remains to be seen.

With arguably the best Test bowler in the world out of the series, India may opt to play all three of Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav, if the pitches are helpful to spinners. This was the formula applied when the Proteas last came to India, with much stronger side on paper, and were beaten 3-0 with one Test rained out.

Some of the surfaces provided for that series - especially in Mohali and Nagpur - could be termed dustbowls.

**After South Africa, India face Bangladesh in a home series – which includes two Tests – as well. If Bumrah is unable to play against Bangladesh, his next opportunity to appear in whites will only be in February-March, when India visit New Zealand.**

With the current South African touring party boasting the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Vernon Philander, Lungi Ngidi and Anrich Nortje, the scales on the pace bowling front would be more or less balanced in the absence of India's x-factor.

But as the No.1 Test side, India would be confident of putting it across the South Africans at home, even without Bumrah, on decent Test pitches.

### Boost for SA batsmen

Apart from skipper Faf du Plessis, Quinton de Kock and, to some extent, Dean Elgar, the

Proteas batting resources betray a largely untested look. Temba Bavuma has played 36 Tests for a single hundred, Theunis de Bruyn has one, while Zubair Hamza's Test career is just once Test old. Aiden Markram is undoubtedly talented and marked for great things - as four centuries in 17 Tests and an average of 43.80 would testify. But the opening batsman, who will turn 25 during the first Test - plays with hard hands and looks far from assured against quality spin.

But with Bumrah out of the scene, a big headache will be off the shoulders of the Proteas think tank. As impressive as the other Indian seamers are, they can be termed 'conventional' and the batsmen largely know what to expect. It is safe to say that there is nobody quite like Bumrah in contemporary cricket.

The South African batsmen can now put most of their energies into devising plans to counter the Indian spinners. Even among them, Ashwin didn't feature in the West Indies while Kuldeep has been recently omitted from the T20 side as the selectors look at other options. These two will have their own pressures to counter.

## SPORTS BAR



Kim Ji Hyun played a pivotal role in PV Sindhu's march to the World title.

### Barty survives scare to make Wuhan last 16

Australia's Ash Barty kept alive her chances of preserving her world number one status at the end of the week after she beat France's Caroline Garcia 4-6 6-4 6-1 in the second round of the Wuhan Open on Tuesday. Barty and Pliskova are in a race to end the week on top of the WTA rankings. Czech Pliskova, who beat American Amanda Anisimova 6-3 6-3, needs to reach the semi-finals and advance one round further than the Australian if she is to return to the top of the rankings for the first time since 2017. Barty will face last week's Guangzhou Open winner Sofia Kenin, who beat Elise Mertens 4-6 6-4 7-6(5). Third seed Elina Svitolina and fourth seed Simona Halep too advanced.

### Top Russian athlete hits out at Moscow officials

Russian high jump champion Mariya Lasitskene on Tuesday hit out at Moscow's sports officials ahead of this month's world championships in Doha, saying she will not let them stop her from going to another Olympics. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Monday gave Russia three weeks to explain "inconsistencies" in a cache of laboratory data handed over to investigators. "I do not intend to miss a second Olympics in a row because of some strange people that cannot do their job honestly," the 26-year-old, a two-time world champion who missed the 2016 Games, said.

### US PGA Tour cancels Hong Kong event

The US PGA Tour on Tuesday cancelled next month's season-ending event on its Chinese feeder golf circuit in Hong Kong citing "continued demonstrations, civil unrest and safety concerns". The Clearwater Bay Open, from October 17-20, would have been the climax of the third-tier, 14-event, PGA Tour Series-China. Instead it became the latest sporting casualty of sometimes violent mass anti-government protests. Next month's WTA Hong Kong Open featuring many of the world's top women tennis players has already been postponed and last week a horse racing meeting was cancelled for the first time.

### Abhinav takes first round lead in Jaipur

Abhinav Lohan went on a birdie-spree in the opening round of the TATA Steel PGTI's Jaipur Open, firing nine-under-61 to take the lead here Tuesday. Lohan finished his round with seven consecutive birdies at the Rambagh Golf Club. Gurugram-based Shivendra Singh Sisodia and Bengaluru's M Dharmar scored eight-under-62 for tied second place. Abhinav, who won the team silver medal at the 2010 Asian Games, capitalised on the momentum from his last outing at the Asian Tour event played at the Classic Golf & Country Club where he had finished tied 21st with a total of 10-under.

**Zidane fed up as Real injury list grows**

Coach Zinedine Zidane expressed frustration about Real Madrid's growing injury list this season, after it emerged that defender Ferland Mendy will miss Wednesday's visit of Osasuna for a La Liga match. Real had a bump start to the season, with other members of the first team squad picking up more than 10 separate problems between them so far. "It annoys me a lot because I don't want my players to get injured, but it's a part of football," Zidane said. "Hopefully it's just one of those small things that can happen, because games at this level take a lot out of you." Zidane, who has also lost attacker Marco Asensio to a long-term knee injury, hinted there is a chance that Luka Modric and Isco could be fit, and Marcelo's back problem might not be as bad as first feared either.



Murray wins first Tour singles match since Jan

Andy Murray called it "one of the toughest wins I've had" after grinding out his first singles victory on the ATP Tour since career-saving hip surgery in January. The former number one looked exhausted after his milestone 6-3, 6-7(6/8), 6-1 win over Tennys Sandgren on Tuesday at the Zuhai Championships. A three-time Grand Slam winner but now ranked 413 in the world, the Briton has competed mostly in doubles since his major surgery and recently played singles on the lower-level Challenger Tour. "In some ways it was one of the toughest wins that I've had," he said. "It's good to see I'm still progressing and making improvements." Murray faces seventh seed Alex de Minaur of Australia next.

# Better than the best

Messi wins his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Rapinoe bags her first; Ronaldo snubs event

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LIONEL MESSI won his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Megan Rapinoe won her first at a lavish ceremony at Milan's iconic Teatro alla Scala on Monday.

Rapinoe was rewarded at the FIFA Best awards for leading the United States to the women's World Cup title in July, as was Jill Ellis who won the women's coach award.

Rapinoe scored six goals in the tournament, earning her the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the top player.

The outspoken star often uses her success as a platform to speak out about issues and the 34-year-old did so again in Milan, pleading for her male and female colleagues to join the likes of Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling in speaking out on racism and other inequalities. "If we really want to have meaningful change what I think is most inspiring would be if everybody other than Raheem Sterling and (Kalidou) Koulibaly, if they were as outraged about racism as they were, if everybody was as outraged about homophobia as the LGBTQ players, if everybody was as outraged about the lack of equal pay and investment in the women's game other than just women, that would be the most inspiring thing to me," Rapinoe said.

"That's my ask of everybody. As professional footballers... we have so much success, we have incredible platforms, I ask everybody here to lend your platform, to lift people up, to use this beautiful game to change the world for better." Rapinoe finished with 46 ranking points to 42 for teammate Alex Morgan and 29 for England's Lucy Bronze.

After the ceremony, Rapinoe said being able to speak out about issues is more important to her than the actual award.

"I've been very lucky to have this incredibly platform that seems to be growing by the day and I plan to use it to the best of my ability," she told reporters. "The award's amazing of course but I don't do this for individual awards, certainly not."

"Even the team awards, the World Cup's obviously incredible to win but when we sort of all look back on it, it will be the way we've changed the game and moved the game forward and really been a part of changing the world, this incredible movement that's happening right now, that we'll all be most proud



USA's World Cup-winning skipper Megan Rapinoe finished with 46 ranking points to 42 for teammate Alex Morgan and 29 for England's Lucy Bronze. Reuters

of." Messi's award moved the Barcelona and Argentina forward one ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo. The Juventus forward did not attend the ceremony despite being among the three finalists.

#### Old order returns

The duo has dominated the award since 2008, with their string of victories only in-

terrupted by Luka Modric last year. Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk was the other finalist. Messi finished with 46 ranking points to 38 for van Dijk and 36 for Ronaldo.

Aaron Long, given the U.S. captain's vote because he was among two players who wore the armband twice this year, voted for van Dijk, as did American coach Gregg

Berhalter. Van Dijk's club manager Jurgen Klopp was voted coach of the year after steering Liverpool to the Champions League title in June, while teammate Alisson won the best men's goalkeeper award.

"I have to thank my team because as coach you can only be as good as your team is," Klopp said. Ellis also thanked her players.

"I owe so much to them," she said.

Ellis resigned in July, shortly after the U.S. beat the Netherlands 2-0 to win its second successive World Cup.

The 53-year-old Ellis was hired as coach of the U.S. team in 2014 and led it to eight overall tournament titles, including back-to-back World Cup successes. Over the course of her tenure, the United States lost just seven matches. Her players made up nearly half of the women's team of the year, with Kelley O'Hara, Julie Ertz, Rose Lavelle and Morgan included in the 11 as well as Rapinoe.

"I think I walked out with Messi and no one noticed me," Ellis said jokingly to reporters, before adding: "It was such an honor, it really was. Fantastic night... happy for my players to do so well as well on that stage so it was great."

The award for the best women's goalkeeper went to van Veenendaal of Atletico Madrid and the Netherlands.

The 29-year-old van Veenendaal captained the Netherlands to the final of the women's World Cup.

#### FIFA boss Infantino chides Italian football

FIFA president Gianni Infantino has made a plea to "kick racism out" of Italian football, during the FIFA Best Football Awards ceremony in Milan. "Tonight is a night to celebrate, but we should reflect a little bit," the Swiss-Italian football chief told a star-studded gathering at Milan's iconic La Scala Opera House on Monday night.

"I would like to say that here in Italy in my country, yesterday (Sunday) we witnessed again in the Italian championship an episode of racism. "This is not acceptable any more, we have to say no to racism in society. We have to kick racism out of football and society once and for all."

Sunday's Italian league match between Atalanta and Fiorentina was halted for several minutes after racist abuse was aimed at the Tuscan side's Brazilian player Dalbert in a game played in Parma.

#### MEN'S WORLD XI

Alisson Becker (BRA/Liverpool)  
Matthijs de Ligt (NED/Ajax/Juventus)  
Sergio Ramos (ESP/Real Madrid)  
Virgil van Dijk (NED/Liverpool)  
Marcelo (BRA/Real Madrid)  
Luka Modric (CRO/Real Madrid)  
Frenkie de Jong (NED/Ajax/Barcelona)  
Eden Hazard (BEL/Chelsea/ Real Madrid)  
Cristiano Ronaldo (POR/Juventus)  
Kylian Mbappe (FRA/PSG)  
Lionel Messi (ARG/Barcelona)

#### WOMEN'S WORLD XI

Sari van Veenendaal (NED)  
Lucy Bronze (ENG)  
Nilla Fischer (SWEDEN)  
Kelley O'Hara (USA)  
Wendie Renard (FRANCE)  
Julie Ertz (USA)  
Amandine Henry (FRANCE)  
Rose Lavelle (USA)  
Marta (BRAZIL)  
Alex Morgan (USA)  
Megan Rapinoe (USA)

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## The Elite



MEN'S COACH  
JURGEN KLOPP  
(LIVERPOOL)



WOMEN'S COACH,  
JILL ELLIS (USA)



PUSKAS  
AWARD  
DANIEL ZSORI  
(FEHÉRVÁR FC)



MEN'S  
GOALKEEPER  
ALISSON BECKER  
(LIVERPOOL)



WOMEN'S  
GOALKEEPER  
SARI VAN VEEENDAAL  
(THE NETHERLANDS)

## Klopp inspired to make charity pledge

MILAN: LIVERPOOL MANAGER Jurgen Klopp has revealed that the emotional high of his side's Champions League triumph inspired him to join the Common Goal charity.

Klopp will join a host of star names from the world of football, including Manchester United's Juan Mata and FIFA women's player of the year Megan Rapinoe, by donating one percent of his salary to aid the work of charities across the world. The 52-year-old, who was crowned FIFA men's coach of the year on Monday, told the Players Tribune of difficult times he suffered early in his career as an amateur footballer, working in a warehouse while trying to support his young family. And while he now faces the pressure of trying to deliver Liverpool's first Premier League title in 30 years, Klopp insisted he and his players have the luxury of no longer living in the 'real world'.

"We should not forget what it was like when we had real problems," said Klopp. "This bubble we live in is not the real world. I am sorry, but anything that happens on a football pitch is not a real problem. There

should be a bigger purpose to this game than revenue and trophies, no?" Just think what we could accomplish if we all came together and gave one percent of what we earn to make a positive difference in the world. Maybe I am naive. Maybe I am a crazy old dreamer.

"But who is this game for? We all know damn well that this game is for dreamers." After a stunning comeback from losing the first leg of their Champions League semi-final 3-0 to Barcelona to beat the Spanish champions 4-0 at Anfield in May, Liverpool lifted their sixth European Cup by beating Tottenham 2-0.

On their return to Liverpool, an open-top bus parade took the team passed hundreds of thousands of celebrating fans on the city's streets. "If you could've put all the emotions, all the excitement, all the love in the air that day and bottled it up, the world would be a better place," added Klopp. "I have not been able to get the emotion of that day out of my head. Football has given me everything in my life. But I really want to do more to give back to the world."

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## Stars in the making

Picked on Fox Sports by "Home Nations" legends Brian O'Driscoll, Sam Warburton, Jonny Wilkinson and Gavin Hastings to shine at this World Cup, a first look at how the anointed stars fared in their opening games.

### BILLY VUNIPOLA

Picked by Ireland legend Brian O'Driscoll to shine.



England's Billy Vunipola was born in Australia to Tongan parents. Reuters

clear to feed Antoine Dupont for the second. The Clermont wing has an ability to beat tackles that maybe only Cheslin Kolbe can match at this World Cup – and they have have searing straight line speed as well," noted sixnationsrugby.com. At the end of the match, though Penaud was released for a concussion protocol following an involuntary knee injury. In the 68th, he received an involuntary knee injury, on the fallout of an aerial duel, which forced him to go out to take part in a concussion protocol according to lerugbysite.fr.

into Japan.

### JOE COKANASIGA

Picked by Welsh legend Sam Warburton as a "freakish winger from Fiji that teams should be pretty weary of. I think he's going to be a surprise package that can announce himself on the world stage."

PREDICTION

"If I had to have a gun to the head and say one, I'd say South Africa. If they can get it together, I think they might surprise a few people."

COKANASIGA WAS born in Fiji to and father, Ilaitia, was in the British Army. The father-son centre partnership turned out for Army Vets team before returning to the UK in 2013. Two years ago against London Scottish he scored a brilliant individual try beating multiple defenders, demonstrating his raw power and pace, just like his hero the late Jonah Lomu.

English coach Eddie Jones is said to have picked him from relative obscurity saying he's big and fast and had power and pace and "something a little bit special" when the 21-year-old debuted against Japan. Joe is expected to start against USA on Thursday and the Sun noted that the "giant winger from Bath will be unleashed against USA for his debut." USA are a tough, physical team.

### TODAY'S RESULT

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### GARRY RINGROSE

Picked by England legend Jonny Wilkinson for his likeness to Brian O'Driscoll.

PREDICTION "See England having the capacity to go and do it. It's interesting having Wales and Ireland, certainly Ireland, going in there with some expectations."

DROPPED FROM the Irish u20 squad by coach for some defensive issues, the BlackRock man a former U20 World player, was back where he belonged sizzling with instinctive moves especially against the Baby Boks in juniors. Coached at Leinster Academy, comparisons to Robbie Henshaw and O'Driscoll have been many. Ringrose, the centre, finished his tackles in the midfield strongly against Scotland, and showed high quality awareness and analysis and a general good read on opponents. He gathered balls on the full avoiding panic at the bounce and his low tackles were assured. Overall a good game sense, gave him a good start as the World No 1 side aim to go deep

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